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October 12, 1860, the first regularly appointed Methodist Minister entered Dakota and began his work.

YEAR.	CIRCUITS.	MEM. & PRO.	DISTRICTS.	MISSIONS.
1870	5	335		
1875	13	618	1	
1880	25	some 1,500	3	2
1884	100	some 6,000	6	3
1886	160	9,734	7	1 and 2 conferences
1887	190	11,800	8	1 and 2 conferences
1888	218	14,700	8	1 and 2 conferences

SESSIONS OF DAKOTA MISSION AND CONFERENCE.

DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	NUMBERS.	SECRETARY.
Sept., 1880,	Yankton,	Bishop Warren,	1050,	Wm. McCready.
Oct., 1881,	Sioux Falls,	" Hurst,	1366,	"
" 1882,	Parker,	" Merrill,	1504,	"
" 1883,	Huron,	" Simpson,	2782,	D. Rifenbark.
" 1884,	Mitchell,	" Andrews,	4469,	"
" 1885,	Blunt,	" Foss,	5209,	A. R. Boggs.
" 1886,	Watertown,	" Bowman,	6565,	"
" 1887,	Aberdeen,	" Fowler,	8225,	"
" 1888,	Yankton,	" Walden,	9474,	"
" 1889,	Huron,	" Vincent,	10526,	W. H. Jordan.
" 1890,	Mitchell,	" FitzGerald,	9663,	G. D. Cleworth.
" 1891,	Sioux Falls,	" Foss,	9006,	A. W. Adkinson

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FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 21.

The Seventh Session of the Dakota Annual Conference opened in the M. E. Church, Sioux Falls, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M., Wednesday October 21st.

In the absence of Bishop Foss, and by his appointment, Rev. C. B. Clark, senior Presiding Elder of the Conference, took the chair.

The 5th chapter of I. Thessalonians was read and E. E. Clough led in prayer. "Blest be the tie that binds" was sung by the Conference and congregation and a very large number participated in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The roll being called, 45 members and 19 probationers responded to their names.

A. W. Adkinson was elected secretary and G. D. Cleworth and C. H. Smith, assistants.

J. P. Jenkins was elected statistical secretary and W. D. Deeble, L. B. Wiles, I. A. Sparks and F. H. Wheeler, assistants.

C. E. Hager was elected treasurer and Duane Rifenbark and A. E. Carhart, assistants.

On motion of the Presiding Elders, the following Standing Committees were appointed:

CHURCH EXTENSION.—E. O. Bullock, A. E. Tanner, G. J. Corwin, S. A. French, H. M. Springer.

EDUCATION.—A. R. Boggs, J. H. Kevan, H. M. Springer, J. C. Shelland.

PROHIBITION.—Wm. Underwood, C. E. Hager, O. A. Phillips, J. C. Shelland, L. B. Wiles.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—Thomas Simmons, Thomas Wilkinson, W. H. Irwin, A. Jamieson, M. E. Nickerson.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATION.—The Presiding Elders.

STEWARDS.—W. C. Sage, Edward Vaughan, J. E. Norvell, W. F. Minty, D. Rifenbark.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS.—S. F. Brown, J. S. Akers, E. W. Sage, J. P. Jenkins, F. H. Wheeler.

CHURCH LITERATURE.—L. W. Miller, J. G. Hall, E. E. Clough, F. H. Wheeler, W. H. Cory.

BIBLE CAUSE.—I. A. Sparks, Jos. Mottershead, Jas. Trewartha, T. D. Collins, T. H. Hendricks.

RESOLUTIONS.—C. E. Hager, A. D. Dexter, W. D. Deeble, T. Carson, A. E. Burrows.

W. F. M. S.—R. C. St. Clair, G. W. Hickman, J. F. Davis, S. E. Fish, Timothy Donoghue.

MEMOIRS.—J. C. Shelland, L. W. Miller, S. Washburn, G. D. Cleworth, F. H. Wheeler.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND TRACTS.—E. S. Chappell, Frank Colony, L. L. Hanscom, J. B. Dibble, T. H. Trevithick.

PRESIDING ELDERS' ACCOUNTS.—A. P. Janes, W. J. Hyde, Thos. Wilkinson, C. B. Warren, R. C. Opie.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.—J. H. Kevan, A. D. Dexter, W. H. Cory, A. Jamieson, J. W. Taylor.

POST OFFICES.—J. B. Dibble, G. F. Bieber, J. D. Allison, C. E. Wood, W. O. Redfield.

STATE OF CHURCH.—W. D. Deeble, F. D. Newhouse, T. H. Youngman, E. E. Clough, H. M. Springer.

FREEDMEN'S AID.—J. S. Akers, Herbert Haynes, A. H. Colton, O. A. Phillips, C. E. Matteson.

CONFERENCE POST MASTER.—L. B. Wiles.

PUBLIC WORSHIP.—Presiding Elder of Sioux Falls District and Pastor Sioux Falls Church.

On motion President Charles O. Merica of Dakota University was added to the Educational Committee.

On motion address of Dr. Coxe was made special order for Thursday morning immediately after opening.

Conference adjourned to 8:30 A. M. Thursday.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, Oct. 22.

Conference met at 8:30 A. M.

Devotional exercises were led by I. A. Sparks, after which C. B. Clark, by appointment of Bishop Foss, took the chair.

Minutes of last session were read and approved.

On motion the Presiding Elders were added to Committee on Education.

Resolved, That 10 o'clock A. M. to-day, be the time fixed for passing in statistical reports.

The following resolution, introduced by E. O. Bullock, was adopted.

WHEREAS, There is an effort being made to divide North Dakota and South Dakota Conferences upon the State line, and as such division would materially injure Ellendale, Silverleaf, Guelph, Ludden, Newark and Brampton churches; therefore,

Resolved, That we urge and instruct our delegates in General Conference to secure the present boundaries as they are, or such adjustments as shall not destroy the charges interested.

The bar of the Conference was fixed on a line with the farther side of the centre windows.

Dr. J. C. W. Coxe was introduced, and addressed the Conference in the interest of the S. S. Union and Tract Society.

During the address Bishop Foss arrived and took the chair.

The Bishop addressed the Conference.

Hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed at 8:30 A. M. and 12 M., respectively, the first half hour to be spent in devotional exercises.

The following visiting brethren were introduced:

W. P. Stowe, D. D., of the Western Book Concern.

Jesse Cole, P. E. of Sheldon district, Northwest Iowa Conference.

S. B. Warner and H. C. Jennings, of Minnesota Conference.

Thos. Wilkinson, of Detroit Conference.

A brief recess was taken for collecting statistical reports.

The Statistical Secretary was directed to provide separate columns in report for General Education and Children's Day.

The brethren were directed to report their collections for General Education and Conference Claimants, when reporting their Missionary collection.

Thomas Carson was made reporter for the Sioux Falls Press, and W. J. Hyde for the Argus-Leader.

Question 20 was called: Character of F. A. Burdick, P. E. of Aberdeen District was passed and he made his report.

The following effective Elders were called and their characters passed:

J. C. Shelland, W. D. Deeble, S. F. Brown, W. H. Irwin, E. O. Bullock and D. Gostelow.

The first two named reported their collections.

David Gostelow was granted a supernumerary relation at his own request.

The character of Lewis Bradford, P. E. of the Huron district was passed, and he made his report.

The names of the following effective Elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections, viz:

L. B. Wiles, J. S. Akers, F. D. Newhouse, A. Jamieson, L. W. Miller, A. E. Tanner, J. E. Norvell and Wm. Fielder.

Mitchell district was called, the character of C. B. Clark, Presiding Elder, was passed and he reported his district.

The characters of the following effective Elders were passed, viz:

E. W. Sage, A. R. Boggs, M. E. Nickerson, W. F. Minty, G. J. Corwin, J. G. Hall, Wm. Underwood, Wm. Brush, S. Washburn, and W. S. Robinson, the first four named reporting.

The Bishop announced a dividend of $656 from the Book Concern, and $30 from the chartered fund in favor of this Conference, for Conference claimants, and drafts were ordered for the same.

J. E. Norvell was appointed a committee on accounts of New York Book Concern, Gospel in All Lands, and World Wide Missions.

Apportionment to the Conference of $900 for Episcopal fund, together with those for the various benevolences, referred to Presiding Elders for distribution.

The following communications were received and referred to committees, viz:

From Board of Education and Garrett Biblical Institute, to-

gether with a communication relating to the American University, to the Committee on Education.

Communications relating to the Army and Navy, referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

M. E. Nickerson was appointed agent for the Methodist Review.

Dr. W. P. Stowe addressed the Conference in the interest of the Book Concern.

Election of General Conference delegates, and vote upon constitutional questions submitted, were made the special order for Saturday at 10 o'clock.

Agreed that these votes should be by ballot, without discussion, and that a majority vote be necessary to elect delegates. If more than two have a majority, then the two having the highest vote shall be declared elected.

G. D. Cleworth was elected R. R. Secretary.

The list of committees was called and announcements made.

Rev. J. A. Cruzan, pastor of the Congregational Church in Sioux Falls, was introduced.

Conference adjourned by limitation of time.

The doxology was sung and the Bishop pronounced the benediction.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, Oct. 23.

Conference opened at 8:30 A. M., Bishop C. D. Foss in the chair.

Devotional exercises were led by A. Jamieson and Thomas Simmons.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

The transfer of Thos. Wilkinson from the Detroit Conference was announced and he was introduced.

H. W. Brown was introduced and his transfer from Wisconsin Conference announced.

H. B. Green of Northwest Iowa Conference and Charles O. Merica of North Indiana Conference, recently elected president of Dakota University, were introduced.

The Conference requested the transfer of H. F. Knight a supernumerary of Wisconsin Conference. The transfer was made by the Bishop. Bro. Knight was introduced and on motion he was made effective.

Consideration of the 20th question was resumed. Character of W. H. Jordan, P. E. of Sioux Falls District, was passed and he made his report.

The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections, viz.:

Thos. Simmons, D. Rifenbark, S. A. French, T. Donoghue, C. E. Hager, W. J. Hyde, L. L. Hanscom, J. P. Jenkins, G. D. Cleworth, E. E. Clough, and Hosea Locke.

Watertown District was called. The character of H. H. Dresser, P. E., was passed and he reported his district.

The characters of the following effective Elders were passed and they made their reports, viz.:

R. C. St. Clair, F. H. Wheeler, Jas. Trewartha, O. A. Phillips, A. W. Adkinson, and H. M. Springer.

The characters of Chas. H. Smith and Jas. Rowe were passed and the Bishop requested to leave them without appointment to attend school.

L. G. Fournier was located at his own request.

The transfer of O. E. Murray to Rock River Conference was announced.

Question 13th was called. The character of W. W. Brown was passed and at his own request he was granted a Supernumerary relation and recommended to the favorable consideration of the Board of Stewards. He was continued a deacon of the first class.

The characters of F. T. Nicholls and D. C. McLean were passed. They were continued as Deacons of the first class, and the Bishop was requested to leave them, together with S. D. Robinson, without appointments to attend school.

The character of W. H. Matson was passed and he was continued in the first class of deacons. The Bishop was requested to appoint him Superintendent of the Indian School, Yankton Reservation.

Phil. K. Hammond, who has entered the Protestant Episcopal church, was marked withdrawn, and the Presiding Elder of Aberdeen district instructed to demand the return of his parchments.

F. E. Leazer was continued as Deacon of the first class, and requested to either bring up his studies next year or locate.

The characters of T. H. Hendricks, I. A. Sparks, W. O. Redfield, Jas. B. Dibble, S. D. Robinson, and Jos. Mottershead, were passed. They reported their collections and were advanced to the second class of Deacons.

I. A. Sparks was conditioned on "Miley on the Atonement."

The character of A. P. Janes was passed. He reported his collections, and was continued in the first class of Deacons.

The 5th question was called: The class to be admitted into full connection was called forward and addressed by the Bishop. The usual questions were answered. The members reported their collections, were represented by the Committee of Examination and Presiding Elders, and were admitted into full connection, viz:

W. H. Cory, C. B. Warren, Jas. H. Kevan, Jas. F. Davis, A. D. Smith, J. D. Allison, G. Wm. Hickman, L. W. Ray, A. H. Colton, and E. S. Chappell. The last seven named were elected to Deacon's orders, the first three being already Deacons.

The character of Lyle F. Beach was passed. He was continued on trial, and the Bishop was requested to leave him without an appointment, to attend school.

The following had been transferred from the Conference, viz:

C. W. East to Michigan Conference.

A. S. Mason to Rock River Conference.

Thos. H. Garvin to Wisconsin Conference.

Isaac C. Fifer was discontinued.

A communication was read from Rev. Wm. Brush, D. D., at present United States Consul to Italy. Whereupon the Secretary was instructed to extend the fraternal greetings of the Conference to the Doctor, assuring him that we remember with pleasure his efficient labors in our midst, especially in connection with Dakota University; and we extend to him our sympathy and our prayers for the preservation of his health, and for his success in his distant field of labor.

The proceeds from the sale of the Onida church, Sully County, were ordered to be deposited with the Conference Treasurer subject to the order of the Conference, in accordance with the provisions of the discipline.

The case of Mrs. W. B. Affleck not having been reported in

due form, was referred to the Board of Stewards for their favorable consideration.

The bearing of the length of service in the ministry on the distribution of Conference claimant funds, was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations, with instructions to report to the Conference.

The 14th question was called: The characters of the following passed, and they reported their collections, viz:

T. A. Jones, W. C. Sage, Ed. Vaughn, Thos. Carson, R. C. Opie. They were represented by the Committee on Examinations and Presiding Elders, and elected to Elder's orders.

The Bishop announced that the Conference was entitled to two delegates in the General Conference, and that the Lay Electoral Conference was authorized to elect the same number.

Time of Educational Anniversary changed from 2 to 7:30 P. M. to-day.

Announced that the Lay Electoral Conference would meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

On motion J. D. Allison was credited with the studies of the third year.

Announcements were made and Conference adjourned by limitation of time. Benediction by Bishop Foss.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, Oct. 24.

Conference opened at 8:30 A. M., Bishop Foss in the chair.

A. B. Smart led the devotional exercises.

Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

Relation of T. H. Walker and H. T. Curl changed from Supernumerary to Superannuate.

Sanford Washburn was granted a Superannuated relation at his own request.

The 18th question was called and T. S. Fowler, A. D. Dexter, F. M. Robertson, Wm. M. Welch, W. H. Selleck, L. Hartsough, and Chas. H. Botkin were continued as Supernumeraries.

O. H. Sproul was reported transferred to the Montana Conference and S. C. Leavell to the Rock River Conference.

The 19th question was called and D. W. Chamberlain continued in the Superannuated relation.

J. S. Akers, Thos. Simmons and D. Rifenbark were appointed a committee to investigate rumors relating to Theo. Gerrish and report to the Conference.

The 3d question was called and J. E. Herrinton, Wm. H. Colvin, Thos. H. Trevithick, Chas. E. Matteson, Thos. D. Collins, Eratus S. Darling, John A. Lucas, Frank A. Colony and Albert E. Carhart were continued on trial. Also the following were continued in studies of the first year, viz.:

Thos.Sanderson, Geo. F. Bieber and Robt. M. Stavely.

J. E. Herrinton was conditioned on Rhetoric.

Geo. F. Bieber was given credit for examinations in Wesley and Ancient History in the first year.

John A. Lucas was conditioned on Rhetoric and Ancient History.

The Bishop was requested to leave the following without appointments to attend school, viz.:

J. E. Herrinton, Thos. Sanderson and Robt. M. Stavely.

Edroy S. Ireland and C. J. Wright were discontinued.

Benj. W. Allison having taken work in the Methodist Church in Canada was discontinued at his own request and the Secretary instructed to furnish testimonial to his ability and usefulness.

Wm. J. Vanix was discontinued at his own request.

Geo. F. Bieber and T. D. Collins brought up Arithmetic of last year.

The order of the day was taken up.

It was ordered that if any ballot contain more or less than the number of names required to be voted for, it should be thrown out by the tellers.

It was ordered that in vote upon Constitutional Questions the ballots contain simply the words *For* or *Against*.

Jas. F. Davis was elected Assistant Secretary to assist in counting the ballots.

A committee of five was appointed to canvass the vote of the laymen on the admission of women to the General Conference, viz.:

W. H. Cory, T. Carson, S. Washburn, W. J. Hyde and H. F. Knight.

The officers of the Lay Electoral Conference were invited to make such statement of their work as they desire for publication in the Minutes.

The following tellers were nominated by the Presiding Elders and elected by the Conference.

First Class, for election of delegates to General Conference—E. O. Bullock, F. D. Newhouse, M. E. Nickerson, J. P. Jenkins, F. H. Wheeler, W. D. Deeble.

Second Class, for vote on Constitutional Questions—L. B. Wiles, E. W. Sage, S. A. French, W. C. Sage.

The first ballot for General Conference Delegates resulted as follows:

Whole number of votes cast	68
Necessary to a choice	35
C. B. Clark received	30
W. H. Jordan "	25
A. W. Adkinson "	25
F. A. Burdick "	20
A. R. Boggs "	11
L. Bradford "	8
H. H. Dresser "	6
A. Jamieson "	5
Wm. Fielder "	2
Scattering "	4

There being no election the second ballot was immediately taken and the tellers retired.

The vote on the first proposition to provide for the admission of women to the General Conference resulted, 62 for, 6 against.

The vote was taken on the second proposition and the tellers retired.

The 16th question was taken up and T. W. P. Lee a local Deacon recommended for Elders' orders by the Ashton Quarterly Conference, Aberdeen District, was represented by his Presiding Elder, and the Committee on Examination. On motion the case was referred to the Committee on Local Orders.

Second ballot for General Conference delegates was announced as follows:

Whole number of votes cast	69
Necessary to a choice	35
C. B. Clark received	42
A. W. Adkinson "	33
W. H. Jordan "	28
F. A. Burdick "	18

A. R. Boggs received		6
H. H. Dresser	"	4
Wm. Fielder	"	3
A. Jamieson	"	2
Scattering		2

C. B. Clark, having received a majority of all votes cast, was declared elected.

Third ballot was taken for one delegate and tellers retired.

The vote on second proposition to change restrictive rule, resulted 66 for and 3 against.

In voting on the third proposition as coming from the Philadelphia Conference, looking to equality of lay representation in the General Conference, the order requiring vote by ballot was reconsidered and a rising vote was taken which resulted 2 for, 57 against.

The result of the third ballot for General Conference delegate was announced as follows:

Whole number of votes cast		68
Necessary for election		35
A. W. Adkinson received		34
W. H. Jordan	"	20
F. A. Burdick	"	14

No candidate having received a majority, a fourth ballot was at once taken.

Madison was selected as the seat of the next Conference.

The following resolution relating to O. H. Sproul was adopted:

WHEREAS, Our brother, Rev. O. H. Sproul, who took a prominent part in the pioneer labors, sacrifices and victories of the early history of this conference, has been transferred to the Montana Conference and stationed at Billings, therefore,

Resolved, That we regret his departure from this Conference, and pray that the power of the Holy Spirit may abundantly continue upon him, and his labors be sealed with our Master's blessing in the winning of multitudes of souls.

L. HARTSOUGH.
H. H. DRESSER.
J. C. SHELLAND.

Ordered, that when we adjourn it be to 3:30 P. M. today.

L. Hartsough was appointed by the Bishop to preside at the afternoon session in case of his own absence.

Resolved, That the Ordination and Memorial services be held at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

The fourth ballot for General Conference delegate was announced as follows:

Whole number of votes cast	68
Necessary for election	35
A. W. Adkinson received	41
W. H. Jordan "	17
F. A. Burdick "	10

A. W. Adkinson, having received a majority, was declared elected.

W. H. Jordan and F. A. Burdick were elected reserve delegates.

Report of Committee on Church Extension was read and adopted. (See Report B.)

Rev. J. N. Hutchinson, pastor of Sioux Falls Presbyterian Church, was introduced.

Report of Committee on Church Literature read and adopted. (See Report C.)

Reports of Committees on S. S. Union and Tract Society, American Bible Society, and Presiding Elders' Accounts, were read and adopted. (See Reports D, E, F.)

Committee on Sabbath Observance reported. Action on report deferred.

Announcements were made and Conference adjourned with the doxology and benediction by Bishop Foss.

FOURTH DAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference opened at 3:30 o'clock, L. Hartsough in the chair by appointment of Bishop Foss.

H. M. Springer led in prayer.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

The report on Sabbath Observance was re-read.

On motion Hon. J. A. Pickler was invited to speak to the resolutions. He was introduced and addressed the Conference.

The Bishop entered the room during the address and took the chair.

The report of the committee was adopted. (See Report G.)

Question 2 was taken up and Edwin L. Brush, John A. Ellis, Frank T. Bromaghin, Wm. O. Gram, Herbert Haynes, Wm. S. Carpenter, Edwin L. Fillmore, Chester E. Wood, Burton C. Sills, Samuel E. Fish and Arthur M. Ward were admitted on trial.

The committee on the case of T. W. P. Lee reported, and the Conference elected him to Elder's orders.

Eratus S. Darling was elected to orders as a local Deacon.

The report of Conference Stewards was read and adopted. (See Report H.)

On the recommendation of the committee in the case of Theodore Gerrish the case was referred to Presiding Elder of the Sioux Falls district for investigation. He was continued in superannuated relation.

Reports of the Committees on State of the Church, and Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, read and adopted. (See Reports R. and I.)

Dr. W. H. W. Rees, of the Des Moines Conference, was introduced.

On motion Conference adjourned with the doxology, and benediction by the Bishop.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, Oct. 26.

Conference opened at 8:30 A. M.

A. Jamieson led the devotional exercises.

By appointment of the Bishop, Lewis Hartsough took the chair.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

The Conference Stewards were instructed to pay claims on the funds.

Report of the Committee on Prohibition was submitted. The report was re-committed, with the addition of A. R. Boggs and H. M. Springer to the committee.

Conference Board of Education was elected as follows:

C. B. Clark, President; A. R. Boggs, Secretary; R. N. Kratz, Treasurer; W. H. Jordan, H. H. Dresser, L. Bradford, F. A. Burdick, Members.

Rev. G. M. Tillman, pastor of African M. E. Church in Yankton and member of Iowa Conference, introduced.

Report of Committee on W. F. M. S. read and adopted. (See Report J.)

Report of Committee on canvassing vote on representation of women adopted. (See Report K.)

Report of Committee on Auditing Treasurer's Accounts adopted. (See Report L.)

Report of Statistical Secretary submitted and adopted. (See Report.)

Report of Conference Treasurer read and adopted. (See Report.)

Resolved, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue an envelope and forward to members through the Secretary.

The Secretary was instructed to send to pastors 12 copies of Minutes for each 100 members or less, on all pastoral charges, but in no case sending more than 24 copies unless specially ordered. In case a charge is left to be supplied, the Minutes to be placed in the hands of the Presiding Elder.

Resolved, that the organization of the Conference Epworth League and the officers, be approved by the Conference.

The Committee on Prohibition made its amended report. Report amended and adopted. (See Report M.)

The Bishop was requested by the Conference to appoint Hosea Locke teacher in the Indian School at Flandreau.

A. D. Dexter was made effective.

Jas. Trewartha was granted supernumerary relation at his own request.

Transfer of T. H. Youngman, a supernumerary of the Genesee Conference, was requested by the Conference. The Bishop announced his transfer and he was made effective.

Dr. Wm. Brush and A. E. Burrows were granted supernumerary relation at their request.

Prof. Chas. O. Merica, President of Dakota University, was requested to transfer from the North Indiana Conference to this Conference.

Report of Committee on Education read and adopted. (See Report A.)

On motion time of session was extended.

C. B. Clark solicited the Conference for subscriptions to pay the salary of the President of Dakota University, with the following result:

L. L. Hanscom	$ 25
A. R. Boggs	25
H. H. Dresser	25
L. Bradford	25
W. H. Jordan	25
J. S. Akers	25
C. E. Hager	25
F. D. Newhouse	25
C. B. Clark	25
F. A. Burdick	25
Hosea Locke	25
D. Rifenbark	25
Wm. Underwood	25
A. W. Adkinson	25
J. C. Shelland	25
I. A. Sparks	25
Herbert Haynes	25
H. M. Springer	25
Mrs. J. P. Jenkins	25
A. P. Janes	25
Chas. W. Fielder	25
A. E. Burrows	25
C. B. Clark (for a friend)	25
L. B. Wiles	20
L. W. Miller	20
F. H. Wheeler	20
E. T. Brush	20
A. D. Dexter	20
M. E. Nickerson	20
W. H. Irwin	20
S. A. French	20
W. H. Aurand	15
W. H. Cory	15
S. E. Fish	15
W. J. Hyde	15
W. O. Gram	15
L. Huckins	15
Mrs. H. W. Brown	15
T. Donoghue	15
W. F. Minty	12
A. D. Smith	10
C. B. Warren	10
J. B. Williams	10
F. L. Bromaghin	10
E. E. Clough	10
E. O. Bullock	10
E. L. Fillmore	10
J. A. Ellis	10

L. W. Ray	10
C. E. Matteson	10
W. O. Redfield	10
T. D. Collins	10
A. Jamieson	10
A. E. Tanner	10
E. S. Chappell	10
T. Carson	10
E. W. Sage	10
Thos Simmons	10
J. D. Allison	10
A. P. Janes	10
W. S. Carpenter	10
A. H. Colton	10
J. E. Norvell	10
Jos. Mottershead	10
A. E. Carhart	10
T. H. Hendricks	10
F. Colony	10
J. G. Hall	10
Mrs. W. J. Wilson	10
G. D. Cleworth	10
M. Ash	10
Ida Newhouse	10
M. E. Clark	10
W. H. Colvin and wife	10
Mrs. A. E. Tanner	10
E. S. Darling	10
J. F. Davis	10
Bishop Foss	25

Ordered that the above subscriptions be entered in separate column in the Minutes next year.

On motion Conference adjourned to meet at 1:30 P. M.

FIFTH DAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference opened at 1:30 P. M., Bishop Foss in the chair.

Wm. Underwood led the devotional exercises.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Resolved, that C. B. Clark, H. H. Dresser, L. Bradford, F. A. Burdick, W. H. Jordan, A. R. Boggs, L. L. Hanscom, C. E. Hager,

A. W. Adkinson, H. M. Springer, and F. D. Newhouse be appointed a committee to formulate a plan for a Preacher's Aid Society and report to the next Annual Conference.

The following resolutions introduced by F. A. Burdick prevailed:

Resolved, That as the opening of Conference session is the closing of a financial year, we demand and will insist that accounts with pastors be closed before coming to Conference; and we desire to disapprove of the delay of payment of former pastors until after Conference as it embarrasses the financial work at the beginning of the year.

Committee on Resolutions made its report, report adopted. (See Report "N.")

The Presiding Elders reported standing committees. (See List.)

Ordered that the Presiding Elders make out list of next Conference committees very soon so that they may be published in the Minutes.

A. B. Smart by permission briefly addressed the Conference.

Ordered that on the reading of the appointments the Conference stand adjourned.

Conference and friends joined in fervent devotional exercises, Bishop Foss delivered an earnest, touching, sympathetic and inspiring address, and read the list of appointments. The doxology was sung, and the Bishop pronounced the benediction.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to certify that on Sunday, October 25, 1891, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, I ordained: G. William Hickman, Lyman W. Ray, James F. Davis, Abel H. Colton, Alex. D. Smith, James D. Allison, Ellis S. Chappell and Eratus S. Darling as Deacons: And that on the same day and in the same place, assisted by several Elders, I also ordained Thomas A. Jones, Richard C. Opie, Wm. C. Sage, Edward Vaughan, Thos. Carson, and Timothy W. P. Lee as Elders.

CYRUS D. FOSS,
Bishop Presiding in Dakota Conference.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who are transferred and from what Conference? H. W. Brown and H. F. Knight from Wisconsin, Thomas Wilkinson from Detroit, T. H. Youngman from Genesee.

2. Who are admitted on trial? Geo. F. Bieber (1890), Robert F. Stavely (1890), Thomas Sanderson (1889), Edwin T. Brush, John A. Ellis, Frank L. Bromaghin, William O. Gram, Herbert Haynes, Will S. Carpenter, Edward L. Fillmore, Chester E. Wood, Burton C. Sills, Samuel E. Fish, Arthur M. Ward.

3. Who remain on trial? Lyle F. Beach (1890), Jos. E. Herrinton, Wm. H. Colvin, Thomas H. Trevithick, Chas. E. Matteson, Thos. D. Collins, Eratus S. Darling, John A. Lucas, Frank A. Colony, Albert E. Carhart.

4. Who are discontinued? Isaac C. Phifer, Edroy S. Ireland, Charles J. Wright, Benj. W. Allison, Wm. J. Vanix.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? Wm. H. Cory, G. Wm. Hickman, Chas. B. Warren, Lyman W. Ray, Jas. F. Davis, Abel H. Colton, Alex. D. Smith, Jas. H. Kevan, Jas. D. Allison, Ellis S. Chappell.

6. Who are re-admitted? None.

7. Who are admitted on credentials from other churches? None.

8. What traveling preachers have been elected deacons? G. Wm. Hickman, Lyman W. Ray, Jas. F. Davis, Abel H. Colton, Alex. D. Smith, Jas. D. Allison, Ellis S. Chappell.

9. What traveling preachers have been ordained deacons? G. Wm. Hickman, Lyman W. Ray, Jas. F. Davis, Abel H. Colton, Alex. D. Smith, Jas. D. Allison, Ellis S. Chappell.

10. What local preachers have been elected deacons? Eratus S. Darling.

11. What local preachers have been ordained deacons? Eratus S. Darling.

12. Who are the traveling deacons of the first class? Francis T. Nicholls (1889), Wm. H. Matson (1888), Fred E. Leazer (1888), Donald C. McLean (1890), Arza P. Janes (1890), Wm. W. Brown (1889), G. Wm. Hickman, Lyman W. Ray, Jas. F. Davis, Abel H. Colton, Alex. D. Smith, Jas. D. Allison, Ellis S. Chappell.

13. Who are the traveling deacons of the second class? Tarea H. Hendricks, Ira A. Sparks, Wm. O. Redfield, Jas. B. Dibble, Samuel D. Robinson. Joseph Mottershead.

14. What traveling deacons have been elected elders? Thos. A. Jones, Richard C. Opie, Wm. C. Sage, Edward Vaughan, Thomas Carson.

15. What traveling deacons have been ordained elders? Thos. A. Jones, Richard C. Opie, Wm. C. Sage, Edward Vaughan, Thomas Carson.

16. What local deacons have been elected elders? Timothy W. P. Lee.

17. What local deacons have been ordained elders? Timothy W. P. Lee.

18. Who are the supernumerary preachers? David Gostello, W. W. Brown, F. M. Robertson, W. H. Selleck, C. H. Botkin, A. E. Burrows, T. S. Fowler, Jas. Trewartha, W. M. Welch, Lewis Hartsough, William Brush.

19. Who are the superannuated preachers? T. H. Walker, H. T. Curl, Sanford Washburn, D. W. Chamberlain, Theodore Gerrish.

20. Was the character of each preacher examined? Yes, as the name of each preacher was called in open conference; and the name of Theodore Gerrish was referred to the presiding elder of the Sioux Falls district for action immediately after Conference.

21. Have any died? None.

22. Have any been transferred, and to what conference? Yes, O. E. Murray, Albert S. Mason, S. C. Leavell to the Rock River Conference, Richard S. Opie to the Des Moines Conference, Thos. H. Garvin to the Wisconsin Conference, Clarence W. East to the Michigan Conference, John A. Lucas to the Cincinnati Conference, Wm. S. Robinson to the Newark Conference, Thos. A. Jones to the Minnesota Conference, O. H. Sproul to the Montana Conference, E. E. Clough to the Black Hills Mission Conference.

23. Have any withdrawn? Yes, Phil. K. Hammond.

24. Have any located at their own request? Yes, L. G. Fourier.

25. Have any been located? No.

26. Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges? None.

27. Have any been expelled? None.

28. Who are the triers of appeals? H. M. Springer, L. W. Miller, L. Hartsough, S. F. Brown, E. W. Sage, J. C. Shelland, L. L. Hanscom.

29. What is the Statistical Report for this year? See Statistical Secretary's Report.

30. What is the Treasurer's Report? See Treasurer's Report, $7,832.28.

31. What are the claims on the Conference funds? See Steward's Report.

32. What has been raised on these claims and how has it been applied? $1,100. See Steward's Report.

33. Where are the preachers stationed? See appointments.

34. Where shall the next Conference be held? Madison.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT—F. A. BURDICK, P. E.

POSTOFFICE, 619 ARCH STREET, ABERDEEN.

Aberdeen, J. C. Shelland.
Aberdeen Circuit, to be supplied.
Andover, W. O. Gram.
Ashton, C. B. Warren.
Bath, Edward Vaughan.
Bowdle and Bangor, A. M. Ward.
Britton, to be supplied by N J. Aplin.
Claremont, C. E. Matteson.
Columbia and Ordway, W. H. Cory.
Campbell County, (P. O. Bangor), S. F. Brown.
Coral, J. D. Allison.
De Voe, to be supplied by E. T. Maring.
Doland, G. W. Hickman.
Ellendale, J. A. Ellis.
Frankfort, to be supplied.
Frederick, T. D. Collins.
Groton, W. D. Deeble.
Hecla, E. L. Fillmore.
Ipswich, to be supplied.
Langford, L. W. Ray.
Leola, F. L. Bromaghin.
Mellette, E. O. Bullock.
Newark, G. F. Bieber.
Northville, A. D. Smith.
Warner, to be supplied by J. B. Williams.

HURON DISTRICT—LEWIS BRADFORD, P. E.

POSTOFFICE, HURON.

Alpena, T. H. Hendricks.
Blunt, to be supplied by Ed McCrea.
Cavour, to be supplied by E. E. Dean.
De Smet, L. B. Wiles.
Faulkton, to be supplied.
Gettysburg, to be supplied by D. L. Matson.
Hand, to be supplied by Wm. Hoagland.
Highmore, to be supplied.
Hitchcock, E. S. Chappell.
Huron, F. D. Newhouse.
Iroquois, Thos. Carson.
Lake Preston, to be supplied.
Miller, E. S. Darling.
Onida, to be supplied by Manuel Ash.
Pierre: East Pierre, W. S. Carpenter.
Pierre, First Church, to be supplied.
Ft. Pierre, to be supplied.
Redfield, E. T. Brush.
St. Lawrence, J. F. Davis.
Wessington Springs, J. E. Norvell.
Wessington and Wolsey, A. E. Tanner.
Winthrop, to be supplied by A. P. Jones.

William Fielder, Temperance Agent, member of Huron Quarterly Conference.

Wm. H. Matson, Superintendent Indian School, Yankton Reservation, member of De Smet Quarterly Conference.

MITCHELL DISTRICT—C. B. CLARK, P. E.

POSTOFFICE, MITCHELL.

Alexandria, S. E. Fish.
Armour and Delmont, I. A. Sparks.
Artesian, W. H. Irwin.
Bridgewater, G. J. Corwin.
Castalia, to be supplied.
Edgerton, to be supplied.
Mitchell Circuit, to be supplied by Jesse Smith.
Mt. Vernon, C. E. Wood.
Parkston, to be supplied by J. W. Taylor.
Plankinton, F. H. Wheeler.

Ethan, A. P. Janes.
Fulton, E. W. Sage.
Howard and Carthage, Herbert Haynes.
Kimball and Chamberlain, F. A. Colony.
Mitchell, A. R. Boggs.
Salem, M. E. Nickerson.
Scotland, Wm. Underwood.
Tyndall and Springfield, J. G. Hall.
White Lake, to be supplied by Fred Bieber.
Woonsocket, T. H. Youngman.

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT—W. H. JORDAN, P. E.

626 S. MINNESOTA AVE., SIOUX FALLS.

Alcester, A. H. Colton.
Beresford, to be supplied by J. T. C. Wilson.
Canton, Duane Rifenbark.
Centerville, J. H. Kevan.
Dell Rapids, W. F. Minty.
Egan, to be supplied by Nathan Fawell.
Elk Point and Richland, Archibald Jamieson.
Flandreau, Joseph Mottershead.
Gayville, to be supplied by Geo. R. Oake.
Hartford and Montrose, W. O. Redfield.
Hurley, A. E. Carhart.
Lennox, to be supplied.
Lodi, H. W. Brown.
Madison, C. E. Hager.
Madison Circuit, to be supplied.
Parker, W. J. Hyde.
Prospect (P. O. Brant Lake), to be supplied by Lucius Huckins.
Sioux Falls Circuit, to be supplied by W. J. Wilson.
Sioux Falls First Church, L. L. Hanscom.
Sioux Falls East Church, J. P. Jenkins.
Vermillion, G. D. Cleworth.
Yankton, J. S. Akers.

Hosea Locke, Teacher in Flandreau Indian School, member of Flandreau Quarterly Conference.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT—H. H. DRESSER, P. E.

POSTOFFICE, WATERTOWN.

Arlington, Thos. Wilkinson.
Aurora, R. C. St. Clair.
Big Stone City, to be supplied.
Bradley, to be supplied.
Bristol, W. H. Colvin.
Brookings, L. W. Miller.
Clark, Thos. Simmons.
Elkton, B. C. Sills.
Estelline and Castlewood, T. H. Trevithick.
Gary and Clear Lake, F. E. Leazer.
Henry, S. A. French.
Kampeska, J. B. Dibble.
Milbank, A. D. Dexter.
Twin Brooks, to be supplied by R. W. Lovering.
Watertown, A. W. Adkinson.
Waverly, to be supplied by J. W. Stokesbury.
Webster, H. F. Knight.
White, H. M. Springer.
Willow Lakes, Timothy Donoghue.
Wilmot, O. A. Phillips.

Thomas Sanderson, C. H. Smith, F. T. Nicholls, L. F. Beach, James Rowe, R. M. Stavely, W. C. Sage, J. E. Herrinton, S. D. Robinson and D. C. McLean, left without appointment to attend some of our schools.

Rev. A. E. Burrows will be glad to assist the brethren in special meetings. Address him at Mitchell.

Standing Committees.

EXAMINATION.

Admission on Trial—W. D. Deeble, Wm. Underwood, L. B. Wiles.

First Year—E. O. Bullock, Thos. Wilkinson, C. E. Hager.

Second Year—J. C. Shelland, D. Rifenbark, F. D. Newhouse.

Third Year—A. R. Boggs, J. S. Akers, J. P. Jenkins.

Fourth Year—A. E. Tanner, W. F. Minty, S. Washburn.

Local Orders—Thos. Simmons, L. W. Miller, F. H. Wheeler.

To Preach the Missionary Sermon—T. H. Youngman; F. D. Newhouse, alternate.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

President, L. Bradford.

Treasurer, H. A. Maxfield.

Secretary, F. D. Newhouse.

Executive Members, the Presiding Elders.

Laymen—Aberdeen District, T. J. Wheeler; Huron District, F. M. Dean; Mitchell District, R. N. Kratz; Sioux Falls District, J. A. Cooley; Watertown District, D. W. Diggs.

CHURCH LOCATION.

Aberdeen District—F. A. Burdick, L. W. Ray, A. D. Smith, C. W. Whitfield, John L. Brown.

Huron District—Lewis Bradford, Thos. Carson, F. D. Newhouse, J. W. Baker, W. F. T. Bushnell.

Mitchell District—C. B. Clark, A. R. Boggs, Sanford Washburn, F. H. Clark, Jos. Harker.

Sioux Falls District—W. H. Jordan, L. L. Hanscom, D. Rifenbark, J. P. Ward, W. B. Wait.

Watertown District—H. H. Dresser, A. W. Adkinson, R. C. St. Clair, M. H. Cooper and John Norton.

CONFERENCE RECORD AND ROLL.

NAME.	BORN.		Admitted into full connection.		When Come to Dakota Confer'e.	RELATION.
	Where.	Wh'n	Conference.	Wh'n		
Adkinson, A. W.	Indiana	1851	S. E. Indiana	1877	Charter	Effective.
Boggs, A. R.	Ohio	1835	Michigan	1870	Charter	Effective.
Bradford, Lewis	New York	1842	Mississippi	1875	Charter	Effective.
Brown, S. F.	Penn.	1825	Wyoming	1866	Charter	Effective.
Burdick, F. A.	Ontario	1852	N. W. Iowa	1879	Charter	Effective.
Chamberlain, D. W.			N. W. Iowa		Charter	Superannuate.
Curl, H. T.	Indiana	1840	Des Moines	1877	Charter	Superannuate.
Fielder, William	England	1852	N. W. Iowa	1880	Charter	Effective.
Hager, C. E.	New York	1852	Upper Iowa	1878	Charter	Effective.
Hartsough, Lewis	New York	1828	Oneida	1853	Charter	Supernumerary.
Jamieson, A.	Ontario	1837	N. W. Iowa	1872	Charter	Effective.
Miller, L. W.	Ohio	1854	N. W. Iowa	1882	Charter	Effective.
Minty, W. F.	England	1844	Rock River	1877	Charter	Effective.
Nickerson, M. E.	Illinois	1856	N. W. Iowa	1885	Charter	Effective.
Norvell, J. E.	Iowa	1859	N. W. Iowa	1885	Charter	Effective.
Phillips, O. A.	Vermont	1837	United Breth'n	1863	Charter	Effective.
Rifenbark, D.	New York	1849	N. W. Iowa	1885	Charter	Effective.
Rowe, James	England	1860	Minnesota	1885	Charter	Effective.
Sage, E. W.	Ontario	1843	Des Moines	1873	Charter	Effective.
Simmons, Thos.	Ohio	1849	Upper Iowa	1875	Charter	Effective.
Shelland, J. C.	New York	1846	Wyoming	1874	Charter	Effective.
Springer, H. M.	Illinois	1842	W. Wisconsin	1864	Charter	Effective.
Trewartha, Jas.	England	1845	N. W. Iowa	1885	Charter	Supernumerary.
Walker, T. H.	Ontario	1836	Can. Wesleyan	1864	Charter	Superannuate.
Wiles, L. B.	Ohio	1858	N. W. Iowa	1884	Charter	Effective.
Clark, C. B.	New York	1839	Iowa	1864	1885	Effective.
Selleck, W. H.	New York	1859	Dakota	1885	1885	Supernumerary.
Tanner, A. E.	New York	1838	Genessee	1883	1885	Effective.
Botkin, C. H.			Cent. Illinois		1886	Supernumerary.
Brush, Wm.	Conn.	1825	New York	1853	1886	Supernumerary.
*Burrows, A. E.	Ontario	1861	Dakota	1886	1886	Supernumerary.
Corwin, G. J.	New York	1842	Dakota	1886	1886	Effective.
Donoghue, Timothy	Ontario	1860	Bay of Quinte	1884	1886	Effective.
Hall, J. G.	Penn.	1852	Ohio	1879	1886	Effective.
Locke, Hosea	Canada	1832	Niagara	1860	1886	Effective.
Robertson, F. M.	Iowa		Upper Iowa		1886	Supernumerary.
Cleworth, G. D.	Canada	1865	Dakota	1887	1887	Effective.
Dresser, H. H.	New Jersey	1838	Wyoming	1866	1887	Effective.
French, S. A.	Vermont	1849	Dakota	1887	1887	Effective.
Gostellow, David	England	1832	Wesleyan	1854	1887	Supernumerary.
Jenkins, J. P.	Mass.	1860	Dakota	1887	1887	Effective.
Jordan, W. H.	Mass.	1857	Dakota	1887	1887	Effective.
Matson, W. H.	Ohio	1846	Dakota	1887	1887	Effective.
St. Clair, R. C.	Illinois	1841	Illinois	1872	1887	Effective.
Underwood, Wm.	Ohio	1832	Rock River	1853	1887	Effective.
Washburn, Sanford	New York	1830	Rock River	1863	1887	Superannuate.
Welch, W. M.					1887	Supernumerary.
Bullock, E. O.	Wisconsin	1860	Dakota	1888	1888	Effective.
Deeble, W. D.	England	1858	Dakota	1888	1888	Effective.
Fowler, T. S.			Cent. Illinois		1888	Supernumerary.
Hyde, W. J.	Ontario	1863	Dakota	1888	1888	Effective.
Irwin, W. H.	Ontario	1862	Dakota	1888	1888	Effective.
Leazer, F. E.	Vermont	1859	Dakota	1888	1888	Effective.
Smith, C. H.	Wisconsin	1858	Dakota	1888	1888	Effective.
Wheeler, F. H.	N. H.	1852	Dakota	1888	1888	Effective.
Akers, J. S.	Illinois	1837	N. W. Wis.	1865	1889	Effective.
Brown, W. W.	Ontario	1864	Dakota	1889	1889	Supernumerary.
Carson, Thos.	Scotland	1860	Dakota	1889	1889	Effective.
Dexter, A. D.	Nova Scotia	1840	Maine	1868	1889	Effective.
Gerrish, Theo.	Maine		Maine		1889	Superannuate.
Hanscom, L. L.	Maine	1839	E. Maine	1864	1889	Effective.
Nicholls, F. T.	England	1858	Dakota	1889	1889	Effective.
Sage, W. C.	Ontario	1861	Dakota	1889	1889	Effective.
Vaughan, Edward	Ireland	1860	Dakota	1889	1889	Effective.

* Omitted from minutes last year by clerical error.

CONFERENCE RECORD AND ROLL.—*Concluded.*

NAME.	BORN.		Admitted into full connection.		When Come to Dakota Confer'e.	RELATION.
	Where.	Wh'n	Conference.	Wh'n		
Dibble, J. B.	Wisconsin	1860	Dakota	1890	1890	Effective.
Hendricks, T. H.	Penn.	1854	Dakota	1890	1890	Effective.
Janes, A. P.	New York	1867	Dakota	1890	1890	Effective.
McLean, D. C.			Dakota	1890	1890	Effective.
Mottershead, Jos.	England	1862	Dakota	1890	1890	Effective.
Newhouse, F. D.	Indiana	1857	Bengal	1888	1890	Effective.
Redfield, W. O.	Penn.	1854	Dakota	1890	1890	Effective.
Robinson, S. D.			Dakota	1890	1890	Effective.
Sparks, I. A.	Iowa	1864	Dakota	1890	1890	Effective.
Allison, J. D.	Scotland	1858	Dakota	1891	1891	Effective.
Brown, H. W.	Conn.	1846	Wisconsin	1886	1891	Effective.
Chappell, E. S.	Ohio	1854	Dakota	1891	1891	Effective.
Colton, A. H.	Wisconsin	1856	Dakota	1891	1891	Effective.
Cory, W. H.	Wisconsin	1850	Dakota	1891	1891	Effective.
Davis, J. F.	Ontario	1864	Dakota	1891	1891	Effective.
Hickman, G. W.	New York	1854	Dakota	1891	1891	Effective.
Kevan, J. H.	England	1861	Dakota	1891	1891	Effective.
Knight, H. F.	Wisconsin	1850	Wisconsin	1883	1891	Effective.
Ray, L. W.	N. H.	1867	Dakota	1891	1891	Effective.
Smith, A. D.	New York	1857	Dakota	1891	1891	Effective.
Warren, C. B.	Illinois	1849	Dakota	1891	1991	Effective.
Wilkinson, Thos.	England	1838	Prim. Meth.		1891	Effective.
Youngman, T. H.			Oneida		1891	Effective.

LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

The Lay Electoral Conference of South Dakota met at 2:30 o'clock, Oct. 23, in the Sioux Falls M. E. church, and was called to order by D. S. Waldo.

E. W. Aikens, of Pierre, was chosen temporary chairman, and Mrs. Emma A. Cranmer, of Aberdeen, was chosen Secretary.

The Credential Committee consisted of Mrs. J. A. Pickler, C. N. Whitfield, D. M. Henderson, P. M. Cross and W. M. Brooke. The Committee on Permanent Organization, composed of J. L. Foxton, D. W. Diggs and Oscar Swain, advised that the temporary organization be made permanent, which was done, with the addition of N. C. Titus as Assistant Secretary.

LIST OF DELEGATES, LAY CONFERENCE.

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

C. A. Libbie, Dell Rapids.
D. L. Waldo, Canton.
W. I. Hatt, Beresford.
S. A. Kiester, Montrose.
R. M. Takaberry, Vermillion.
P. N. Cross, Gayville.
N. M. Bessie, Hurley.
Geo. Goddard, Prospect.
James Bowles, East Sioux Falls.
N. C. Titus, Madison.
L. Hawkins, Flandreau.
J. H. Chapman, Sioux Falls.
E. H. Willis, Sioux Falls.
Joseph Manson, Egan.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

Wm. M. Brooks, Brookings.
I. Purcell, Kampeska.
J. M. Templeman, Watertown.
Daniel Doughty, White.
A. J. Griswold, Arlington.
D. W. Diggs, Milbank.

MITCHELL DISTRICT.

W. A. Prather, Castalia.
H. H. McClain, Edgerton.
B. D. L. Dudley, Salem.
J. A. Parrish, Bridgewater.
Wilson Wise, Artesian.
D. M. Henderson, Armour.
Walter Peck, Fulton.
T. C. Gould, Howard.
Oscar Swain, Delmont.
Herbert Haynes, Plankinton.
R. N. Kratz, Mitchell.

HURON DISTRICT.

John Harrison, Hitchcock.
Mrs. E. M. Watson, Redfield.
W. L. Hoagland, Gettysburg.
J. L. Foxton, Huron.
T. L. Fuller, Pierre.
Edwin Wheeler, Iroquois.
Alice M. A. Pickler, Faulkton.
Thomas Doran, St. Lawrence.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

Wm. Carpenter, Andover.
John Ellis, Groton.
Mrs. E. O. Bullock, Ellendale.
Mrs. Ella Aurand, Bowdle.
F. L. Bromaghin, Carrol.
T. W. P. Lee, Ashton.
E. W. Whitfield, Langford.
L. P. Wheeler, Claremont.
J. B. Williams, Warner.
Mary Bradley, Franklin.
J. S. Hickman, Leola.
Sister Biester, Ludden.
Mrs. Emma A. Cranmer, Aberdeen.

The Credential Committee reported an attendance of fifty-five delegates, after which the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we are utterly and eternally opposed to the re-submission of the prohibitory law as attempted in the last Legislature, and that it is the duty of every good citizen, and especially of every Christian of our State, to see that every member of the Legislature, present or to come, be pledged to oppose it; and that the Legislature be urged to strengthen our present prohibitory law and compel its enforcement by the officers charged with its execution.

Resolved, That we believe the laiety of our Church, without distinction of sex, are as deeply interested in its success and the conversion of the world to Christ as are the clergy, and should have equal representation in all its councils and deliberations of every kind.

Resolved, That we are opposed to the opening of the doors of the World's Fair to visitors on Sunday, thereby showing to the world that we believe in our own profession, that we are a Christian nation.

We recommend that the second Saturday after Conference be observed as Financial Day throughout the Conference. That it shall be the duty of the Stewards and Class Leaders to devote the day to a systematic and thorough canvass of their respective communities in the effort to obtain subscriptions and collect money for the support of the Pastor, to the end that the entire salary be provided for during the first month of the year, and if possible, *paid up in full* during the first six months of the year.

Resolved, That recognizing the efficient work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, not only in temperance work, but Christian work generally, we extend to this organization our sympathy and hearty support.

Resolved, That we endorse the Epworth League and its work among the young as a most valuable aid to the Pastor in his work, and a valuable adjunct to the Sunday School.

We desire to extend our sincere thanks to the people of Sioux Falls for their cordial greeting and generous hospitality during our stay in the city.

Upon invitation of the Conference Bishop Foss was present and gave an address.

The selection of the Lay Delegates to General Conference occupied some time, and resulted in the election of Prof. H. E. Kratz of Vermillion, and E. T. Langley of Huron, with D. W. Diggs of Milbank and T. W. P. Lee of Ashton, as reserves.

After brief speeches from Prof. Kratz and E. T. Langley, the Conference adjourned.

MRS. EMMA A. CRANMER,
Secretary.

MEMOIRS.

SUSAN A. FIELDER.

Susan A. Dobson, wife of Rev. Wm. Fielder, was born at Minonk, Ill., July 24, 1854.

She became actively identified with the work of the Church at a very early age, and her love for the Church and its institutions was most intense. She was married to Bro. Fielder Oct. 7, 1878, and entered upon the duties and responsibilities of a Methodist preacher's wife in connection with the church in this city. For twelve and one-half years her devotion never flagged and her courage was never shaken, April 6, 1891, at the residence of her parents in Cherryvale, Kansas, whither she had gone hoping to be benefitted by a change of climate, she was transferred by our Great Bishop from the church militant to the church triumphant. Her illness was directly traceable to excessive labor during the political campaign of 1889, which gave to our state constitutional prohibition.

To the list of martyrs to the great cause of prohibition must be added the name of Susan A. Fielder. Her sufferings were protracted and severe but borne without a murmur. For fifteen months she fought the fearful battle with her relentless enemy and though the world says she was defeated, she has conquered through Christ.

For the sake of her husband and children she clung tenaciously to life. What wife and mother would not? Only at the very last, within a few hours of the end, would she accept the fact that death was near.

Then with perfect resignation to the divine will, she disposed of her personal effects and arranged for her funeral with as much composure as though contemplating a journey into a neighboring state.

Sister Fielder was an intensely devoted wife and mother. Her kingdom was her home and no labor was too arduous, no sacrifices too costly, where the comfort or happiness of her family were involved.

She was loyal to the church of her choice. During their married life Bro. Fielder was five years in the pastorate, six years in the

presiding eldership and one year and a half president of the South Dakota Prohibition Alliance. In none of these experiences, though some of them were peculiarly trying, did Sister Fielder utter a word of complaint.

She was an earnest, faithful and successful worker in the Sunday School, the W. F. M. S., and the W. C. T. U. Being dead she yet lives in these grand spheres of labor and monuments of the ability and devotion of woman.

Her remains were brought to Huron, S. D., for interment and were laid away to rest amid the tears of a very large concourse of friends, including a large number of members of the Dakota Conference.

As a Conference we extend our warmest sympathy to Bro. Fielder and his two children in their great sorrow.

ANNETTA G. BOGGS.

Annetta G. Binkley was born at Lima, Ohio, April 13, 1840, and passed from this life to a better from her late home in Mitchell, South Dakota, March 3, 1891.

She was converted at the age of twelve years, united with the M. E. Church, and remained a faithful member. In 1857 she was united in marriage to Rev. A. R. Boggs, who was at that time engaged in the practice of law, but who subsequently entered the traveling ministry, and was admitted to the Michigan conference in 1868. Sister Boggs cheerfully bore her share of the trials and changes incident to the itinerancy. Bro. Boggs was for four years Presiding Elder of the Niles district. Eight children were born to the family, two of whom preceded the mother to the spirit world. In all these varied and changeful relations her well cultivated mind, her cheerful piety and her ardent love for home and the church enabled our sister to act well her part, and to endear herself not only to the home, but to the several charges to which she was called as colaborer with her husband. Some eight years since she came, with her family, to South Dakota, where she lived for a few years upon a farm, sharing with others the privations incident to pioneer life. As the way opened in the new state for regular work in the ministry she joyfully returned with her husband to his life work, anticipating yet many years of faithful, happy service. During the winter of 1890, Sister Boggs suffered two attacks of la grippe. The last attack left her in an enfeebled condition, from which she never re-

covered. Life was sweet, however, and her cheerful spirit anticipated recovery and years of happy, loving service with husband and children in home and church life. Late in February last that terrible malady, la grippe, seized for the third time upon her enfeebled vitality, and with a sigh for her loved ones she must leave, but with firm faith in her Saviour, she went sweetly down into the valley, fearing no evil, but breathing the prayer, "My Saviour," as her spirit passed away. The stricken husband and children mourn not alone, but in the church in Mitchell, and in all the churches where our sister's life has made its gentle impression, are scores who count it a privilege to mingle their tears with those of the home, saddened by her departure. The funeral services were conducted by the writer from the M. E. church in Mitchell, assisted by Rev. S. Washburn and Rev. J. T. Hall, of the Dakota Conference, and the city pastors. The large audience present attested the high esteem in which our sister was held.

CONFERENCE NECROLOGY.

Name.	Place of Death.	Time of Death	Age	Y'rs in Min.	Conference Relations.
John M. Rust	Vermillion, Dakota	1871	41	15	Effective.
Thos. M. Williams	Bridgewater, Dak.	1882	50	24	Effective.
Wm. H. Hoadley	Huron, Dakota	1886	41	16	Supernumer'y
T. S. Hunt	Aurora, Indiana	1887	57	16	Effective.
Wm. H. Affleck	Leeds, England	1887	76	--	Effective.
Wm. Vivian	San Fernando	1888	45	8	Supernum'ry
Chas. B. Gilbert	----------	1889	--	--	Effective.
Stanley S. Smith	----------	1889	--	--	Effective.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION. [A.]

It is with profound thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father that we record the apparent fact that the Dakota University having passed through an ordeal of fire has come forth permanent, bright, strong, vigorous and prosperous.

The prosperity of the school is indicated by the enrollment of students for the last three fall terms:

The enrollment for 1889	47
The enrollment for 1890	74
The enrollment for 1891 to date	128

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following:

WHEREAS, It has seemed good in the eyes of Rev. Wm. Brush, D. D., to accept a mission under the United States to Italy; be it

Resolved, 1st. That we hereby tender Dr. Brush our hearty and just appreciation of his work done for the institution.

2. That we heartily endorse the action of the Board of Directors in electing Charles O. Merica, M. A., to the office of president, to take effect Jan. 1st, 1892.

3. That it is with pleasure we hereby welcome President Merica to our midst, and when it shall be his pleasure and convenience to visit our pulpits we will render him all possible assistance.

And WHEREAS, The ordinary resources are not sufficient to warrant the salary of the president, therefore

Resolved, That we as a conference will provide for the president's salary, and that Bro. C. B. Clark be requested to raise the subscription payable in quarterly installments, as follows: January 1st, April 1st, July 1st, September 1st.

2. That W. H. Jordan, L. Bradford, E. B. Bracy, M. D., and H. H. Dresser be elected as members of Dakota University, they having been regularly nominated by the Board of Directors.

3. That J. C. Shelland, Ph. D., F. D. Newhouse, B. A., M. A., Henry M. Springer, L. L. Hanscom and J. G. Hall be appointed visitors to Dakota University.

WHEREAS, We are in receipt of a number of requests for post-graduate work.

Resolved, That we recommend that the Board of Directors carefully examine into the desirability and practicability of such a course in connection with Dakota University and take such steps as may seem to promise usefulness.

2. That the sum of $1,500 be divided among the various charges of this Conference to be raised as the collection for education, and the Conference Board of Education be requested to place said sum at the disposal of the Directors of Dakota University. All collections to be sent to R. N. Kratz, Treasurer, Mitchell, S. D.

3. That the second Sunday in December next be designated as University day, upon which the educational collection shall be taken. Should it be inconvenient to take the collection on that day, then upon the day following.

4. That we recommend the Phreno-Cosmian, the official organ of the students of Dakota University and urge its circulation among our people.

That the Conference may know the financial condition of Dakota University the Directors have kindly furnished the following:

Financial Report Dakota University, Mitchell, Oct. 21, 1891.

LIABILITIES.

Deficiency due on teachers' salaries from last two years	$1,510 00
Deficiency due on teachers' expenses canvassing for students	40 69
Insurance renewal on University	66 70
Taxes due and unpaid on University property	400 00
Total deficiency	$2,017 39
Estimated expense for school year 1891–92:	
Fuel	$1,000 00
Janitor and fireman	100 00
Furniture and school supplies	150 00
Improvements and repairs	250 00
Teachers' salaries	3,100 00
Total	$4,600 00
Total deficiency and prospective need	$6,617 39

RESOURCES.

Cash in University treasury	$ 140 15
Cash in Conference treasury	374 28
Tuition and incidental fees (estimated)	2,000 00
Room rent and heat (estimated)	300 00
Conference assessment (estimated)	1,500 00
Total	$4,314 43
Unprovided prospective deficiency	$2,302 96

GARRETT BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.

In this school of the prophets we recognize an important and useful branch of the equipment of our church in prosecuting its high commission. And we recommend our young men to take a thorough course in this institution. We nominate as visitors to this institution A. R. Boggs and L. Bradford.

F. D. NEWHOUSE,
Chairman.

HENRY M. SPRINGER,
Secretary.

CHURCH EXTENSION. (B.)

We recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

1. We congratulate the Church upon the great work accomplished by our Board of Church Extension, and commend it to the enlarged liberality of all our people.

2. The fact that our country is new, that our population doubles in less than thirty years, so that within another quarter of a century we shall exceed an hundred millions of people, and that the powers of evil are intensely active, demand that the work of Church Extension shall be greatly enlarged in the quarter of a century to come.

3. We will not be content until, in the enlargement of this work under

the direction of the General Committee and Board of Church Extension, we shall fully perform the part assigned us as a Conference.

4. In order to do this we will, in our several appointments, avail ourselves of the helps provided by the Board, in *Christianity in Earnest* and *Glad Tidings*, and will endeavor to lead all our Churches to respond in full to the call made upon them in pursuance of the plans of the discipline.

HENRY M. SPRINGER.
A. E. TANNER.
S. A. FRENCH.
E. O. BULLOCK,
Committee.

CHURCH LITERATURE. [C.]

Our Methodist people are intelligent. They are behind none others. They read and think. The habit is fully formed. What they read is matter of great moment, and what they put into the hands of their children and teach them to read is of paramount importance.

Our great connexional Methodism has set itself the task of saying what that shall be. Our agents at the great publishing centers are able, alert and progressive. If ever before the books and papers from our Church presses were worthy of a place in the homes of our people surely they are so now.

They are among the best, purest and most helpful to be found anywhere.

The preachers are authorized agents; they are the connecting links that bring into union the people and the publishers. If Methodist literature can and shall have the right of way in Methodist homes it will bless them and not harm them.

The *Northwestern Christian Advocate* is a lever of mighty power. None of us should fail to use it. We should urge our people to take it as we urge them to give to the poor or to the missionary cause—to take it for their soul's health."

Let Dr. Edwards' talk to all Methodist people in South Dakota during the eventful year of the World's Fair. Let them hear his brave words in defence of righteousness in church and state.

We recognize in the *Epworth Herald* a paper of great value. Loyalty to church and pastor are made emphatic. Such a paper should be in every home for the sake of both pastor and people.

The *Methodist Review* deserves our attention. Both young ministers and old may be stimulated with its vigorous thoughts. Because of the attention it gives to Itinerant Clubs we suggest that all undergraduates in our Conference take it and read it.

L. W. MILLER,
Chairman.

J. G. HALL,
Secretary.

S. S. UNION AND TRACT SOCIETY. [D.]

Feeling under obligation to the S. S. Union for the timely assistance rendered the needy schools throughout our Conference, therefore

Resolved, That we faithfully endeavor to present the cause to our people and raise the amount apportioned to our several charges.

Recognizing the Tract Society as an important factor in our work of spreading the truth of the gospel, therefore

Resolved, 1. That we pledge ourselves to raise the full amount apportioned for their collection.

2. That we will use all the tracts to which we are entitled according to the arrangement which, on request, returns to each charge in tracts one-half the value of their collection.

E. S. CHAPPELL.
L. L. HANSCOM.
T. H. TREVITHICK.
F. COLONY.

BIBLE CAUSE. [E.]

As the Bible is a revelation of God and as we regard its purpose to lead man to a state of enlightenment and salvation, we recommend the American Society as a strong factor for the propagation of the same.

I. A. SPARKS,
Chairman of Committee.

PRESIDING ELDERS' ACCOUNTS. [F.]

The Committee on Presiding Elders' Accounts have carefully examined the same and found them to be correct.

ARZA P. JANES,
Chairman.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE. [G.]

We recognize in the Christian Sabbath an institution of divine origin. The Sabbath was made for man because man needed the Sabbath—to preserve the body, to feed the mind by the gospel and inspire the soul to throw off the yoke of sin, enter the service of God and possess eternal life.

We therefore love and defend the Sabbath because it lies at the foundation of restful human life, and is the stepping-stone towards Christian training and salvation through Christ.

In order to its true observance we therefore

Resolve, That we will avoid as far as possible Sunday travel that must involve secular labor on the part of others.

2. We will enjoin upon our people by precept and example that they refrain from all devotion to the pursuit of pleasure and to the labors of business on the Lord's day.

3. We will preach faithfully on the subject of the Sabbath, enforcing its authority and explaining its requirements.

4. We deprecate the fact of the transmission and distribution of mails

on the Sabbath, requiring labor of government employes and railroad men, and bringing in the dissipating literature of the Sunday paper and thus disturbing the Sabbath rest.

5. We anticipate with pleasure the prospect of the coming Columbian World's Fair, but we would enter our earnest protest against the opening of that Fair on the Holy Sabbath, knowing that we would thereby reverse our record as a Christian nation, ignore our foundation principles as a people and trample down our higher interests and civilization upon the sordid and paltry plea of money.

6. We memorialize the National Congress at Washington to pass such law or laws as will prohibit the opening of said Exposition on the Christian Sabbath, and we resolve that a copy of these resolutions, signed by the Bishop and Secretary of our Conference, be sent to each of the senators and representatives of our state for presentation to Congress.

THOS. SIMMONS.
M. E. NICKERSON.
W. H. IRWIN.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS. [H.]

We, your committee of Conference Stewards, report as follows:

Resources at disposal—	
Interest on loan	$ 125 00
Conference collection	289 00
Book concern dividend	656 00
Chartered fund	30 00
Total	$1,100 00
Amounts apportioned as follows:	
Sanford Washburn	$ 200 00
H. T. Curl	150 00
W. W. Brown	300 00
T. H. Walker	140 00
Mrs. Affleck	100 00
Mrs. Hoadley	60 00
Mrs. Vivian	50 00
Total apportionment	$1,000 00
Balance this year	$ 100 00
Amount already invested	1,300 00
Total	$1,400 00

W. F. MINTY, Chairman.
S. A. FRENCH.
J. E. NORVELL.
E. VAUGHAN.
W. C. SAGE, Secretary.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY. [I.]

To the Dakota Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on F. A. and S. E. Society beg leave to report, that:

WHEREAS, The F. A. and S. E. Society has just completed a quarter of a century of most wonderful work, in which nearly $3,000,000 have been ex-

pended, resulting in establishing 41 institutions, employing 330 teachers, and with a present enrollment of 9,310 students, comprising both black and white. And while we rejoice in the fruits the efforts of Methodism are yielding in the South, we realize that the call comes louder and louder for aid. Believing that the call to duty is a call from God, therefore,

Resolved, That we most heartily endorse the work of the Society, and bid its officers God speed in their endeavors.

Resolved, That we cheerfully accept the amount apportioned to our Conference.

Resolved, That we will faithfully present the Society's cause to our people, and recommend that the first Sabbath following "Decoration Day" be set aside by our pastors for this purpose.

J. S. AKERS,
Chairman.

C. E. MATTESON,
Secretary.

W. F. M. SOCIETY. [J.]

Too much cannot be said in praise of the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. It is an indispensable agency in the salvation of the perishing millions of women of heathen lands, and second in importance to none of the benevolent enterprises of the church.

I. We therefore urge that an auxiliary and a Mission Band be organized on each charge, by conferring with Sister Hartsough of Sioux Falls, and we pledge her our sympathy and hearty support in this most worthy cause.

II. We recommend the organ of the Society, the "H. W. F." to all our people; also the "H. C. F."

R. C. ST. CLAIR,
Chairman.

T. DONOGHUE,
Secretary.

REPORT "K."

The committee appointed to canvass the vote on admission of women into the General Conference, would report as follows:

	FOR	AG'NST
Aberdeen District	489	91
Huron District	363	19
Mitchell District	238	21
Sioux Falls District	356	30
Watertown District	308	46
Total	1,754	198

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CORY,
Secretary.

REPORT "L."

The committee appointed to examine Treasurer's account have examined the tally sheets and notes, and find them correct. We find in the permanent fund:

Notes on hand	$1,311 00
Interest to be paid	125 00
Received from all sources	985 86
Balance to be added to permanent fund	$ 100 00

We would recommend the same committee on investment as last year, and instruct them to see that security be taken for all loans.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. KEVAN,
Chairman.

W. H. CORY,
Secretary.

REPORT ON PROHIBITION. [M.]

WHEREAS, Prohibition is the most important question in politics, the ghost which will not down, the sword which will not return to its scabbard until the victory is won; and

WHEREAS, We have at the present time 40,000,000 of the people in the United States who are total abstainers from the use of intoxicating drinks, thus giving us a tremendous working force in the cause of Prohibition; and

WHEREAS, We now have both constitutional and statutory Prohibitory laws in South Dakota; therefore,

Resolved, That we congratulate the people of South Dakota on the adoption of the principles of Prohibition as the fundamental law of the State, and pledge ourselves to the support of such men only for state and national offices as are against re-submission, and in favor of the rigid enforcement of our present Prohibitory laws.

Resolved, That the Prohibitory laws in our State constitution and in our statutes have already proved a great blessing to the people of South Dakota, as seen in the following facts:

1. The sale of intoxicants has been largely diminished.
2. The manufacture of them within the State has been almost entirely prevented.
3. The temptation to young men to become habitual drinkers has been greatly reduced.
4. The number of arrests and convictions for crimes has become far less.
5. Our court expenses and our expenses for the support of paupers and felons have been reduced.
6. Women of ill-fame have withdrawn from our towns where the saloon has been suppressed.
7. Men of intelligence traveling through our State compliment us on the good behavior of our people.
8. Business has perceptibly revived, and our holidays, as the Fourth of July, are remarkable for the absence of drunken men.

Resolved, That in national politics we should work and vote for the enactment of prohibitory laws.

Resolved, That we favor a call for a mass meeting to be held in the interest of Prohibition next March or April, and we hereby appoint our Presiding

Elders a committee to arrange with other temperance workers for the time and place of holding such meeting.

Resolved, That we hereby express our appreciation of the faithful and indefatigable labors of our brother, Rev. Wm. Fielder, as president of the South Dakota Prohibition Alliance, and that we request the Bishop to appoint him for the ensuing year, Conference Temperance Agent.

Resolved, That the Republican party in South Dakota in its elimination from its platform of State and National Prohibition, is justly entitled to the disapproval of all Prohibitionists.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS. [N.]

Resolved, That the Conference express great sympathy with our brothers, Rev. A. R. Boggs and Rev. Wm. Fielder, in the bereavements which have overtaken them in the death of their beloved wives and that we extend to them our sincere sympathy.

WHEREAS, We have been favored in having for our presiding officer Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, D. D., LL. D., during this session of our Annual Conference; and

WHEREAS, We have been pleased and favorably impressed by his wise administration, therefore

Resolved, That we thank him for the kindly manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this body and that he will always receive a hearty welcome among us. That we thank him for his kindness in changing the date of our Annual Conference from Sept. 30 to Oct. 21.

Resolved further, 1. That we tender our hearty thanks to the citizens of Sioux Falls who have so kindly opened their homes to entertain us.

2. That we highly appreciate the untiring efforts of the pastors, Revs. L. L. Hanscom and J. P. Jenkins to make the Conference pleasant and successful.

3. That we return our thanks to the various railroads for the reduction of fare on their respective lines to attendants upon our Conference.

4. That we return our thanks to the several papers of this city for their full reports of the proceedings of the Annual Conference.

A. E. BURROWS, Secretary. C. E. HAGER, Chairman.

STATE OF THE CHURCH. [O.]

Your committee to whom was referred matters pertaining to the state of the church desire to report as follows:

That we congratulate the Methodist Episcopal Church upon the progress being made in the various departments of its work, it indicating a healthful and vigorous tone in the body.

That the church continues true to its doctrinal standards, to its motto, "The world is my parish," and to its mission to all classes and conditions.

That we believe that many of the statistics attempting to prove that but a small fraction of the population attend church is misleading, at least in the smaller cities and towns, for from pastoral visitation and observation we find

that, including the children in the Sunday School and the occasional church-goer, but few families are left who do not often hear the gospel.

We believe that the preaching of Methodism was never more able, earnest and spiritual than now.

That never before was as much being done directly for the salvation of the people.

That we rejoice at the marvelous increase in the number and efficiency of our Sunday Schools.

For the enlargement in the contributions for the various benevolent enterprises of the church.

That we are proud of our church because she undertakes so many lines of effort for human uplifting and enlargement.

For her zeal in the cause of missions and of education.

For her unflinching stand upon the temperance question, confining her work to the two fundamental principles of total abstinence for the individual, and absolute prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors by the state.

We are glad that Methodist and prohibitionist are synonymous terms—that a Methodist church is recognized as a school of prohibition and every Methodist preacher as a leader in the cause and the entire church abstainers.

That Methodism stands for the Sabbath as God made it for man, sacred to body and soul; that believing thus, we trust that the church will urge upon the public conscience greater attention to the details of Sabbath keeping.

That the Methodist Church everywhere stands for the rights of all men in the conflict between capital and labor, demanding an honest day's work from the laborer and an ample and honest wage from the employer, and equal justice before all laws.

That Methodism is the incarnation of loyalty to good government and devotion to the flag.

That it looks forward with loving pride to the World's Exposition at Chicago, provided that Exposition conform to the Sabbath laws of this land; but will be exceedingly humiliated if the same shall be disregarded and the gates be open on the Sabbath; and if so, will most assuredly make its displeasure felt.

That with the organizing of the new army of Epworth Leaguers in nearly 7,000 churches, who, fired with the zeal and vigor and enthusiasm of youth, have gone forth following the cross in a crusade of conquest in the fields of social purity, character development and spiritual life, and whose hymns and prayers and testimony have stirred the hearts of the whole church, and quickened its pace by giving new life to the meaning of service and fidelity.

Because of more and better Sunday Schools, larger and warmer prayer meetings, more earnest and spiritual class meetings and an increased church attendance, better preaching and more frequent revivals we look out into the future from the close of this quadrenium with brighter prospects of victory than ever before.

We therefore call upon our stewards to plan for larger efforts in the new order of the day in things Methodistic.

E. E. Clough.
F. D. Newhouse.

WHEREAS, At no time in the history of the Church has there been greater necessity nor a stronger desire than now to reach the masses; and

WHEREAS, No field is so accessible, nor is there one in which well directed, intelligent work will be as fruitful as among the thousands in our cities who are not identified with the Sabbath School nor found in our churches on the Sabbath day; and

WHEREAS, Throughout our Church are consecrated young men—neither called to be local preachers nor exhorters—who, having the love of souls at heart, can sing and pray, and properly trained, could do most effective work in this home field, and constitute a valuable corps of helpers for our overworked city pastors; and

WHEREAS, Some of the best men in our church, among them four of our Bishops, namely, Walden, Ninde, Joyce and Newman, have seen the importance of this unused power, and have recommended training schools under care of our Church; therefore,

Resolved, That as a Conference we most heartily endorse these suggestions of these Bishops, to inaugurate and establish training schools in our large cities for lay workers for city missionary work.

Resolved, That we favor the opening of such a training school in Cincinnati by Brother B. H. Cox, or by any competent and honored worker. Be it further

Resolved, That we memorialize the next General Conference to plant in one or more of our large cities a training school for Methodist laymen to study the best method, tact and skill for successful home city mission work.

F. D. NEWHOUSE.
E. E. CLOUGH.

In reference to the communication of Chaplain Nave in regard to the matter of the appointment of Chaplains for the Army and the spiritual and mental care of the soldiers, we re-affirm our action of previous years.

E. E. CLOUGH,
Chairman.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

No. of Auxiliaries	37
Organized during the year	17
No. of members	619
No. of Mission Bands	7
No. of members	233
No. of life members	34
Amount paid—	
Aberdeen District	$ 73 63
Huron District	148 67
Mitchell District	41 92
Sioux Falls District	492 71
Watertown District	211 18
Conference collection	15 20
Grand total	$983 31
Increase	$132 49

I. M. HARTSOUGH,
Conference Secretary.

The committee to apportion the Missionary appropriation recommended the following apportionment:

MISSIONARY APPORTIONMENT.

Aberdeen District.

Aberdeen Circuit	$ 20	Frederick	110
Ashton	80	Groton	120
Andover	80	Hecla	80
Bath	90	Ipswich	120
Bowdle	160	Leola	100
Britton	70	Langford	75
Claremont	80	Mellette	190
Campbell Co.	175	Newark	100
Columbia	100	Northville	60
Coral	60	Warner	80
De Voe	80	District	350
Doland	75		
Ellendale	50	Total	$2,580
Frankfort	75		

Huron District.

District	$ 400	Miller	150
Alpena	100	Onida	100
Blunt	150	East Pierre	100
Cavour	100	Fort Pierre	20
De Smet	100	Redfield	100
Faulkton	120	St. Lawrence	150
Gettysburg	150	Wessington Springs	130
Hand	100	Wessington and Wolsey	100
Highmore	150	Winthrop	100
Hitchcock	100		
Iroquois	150	Total	$2,670
Lake Preston	100		

Mitchell District.

District	$ 375	Kimball	150
Alexandria	50	Mitchell Circuit	40
Armour	125	Mt. Vernon	100
Artesian	150	Parkston	140
Bridgewater	125	Plankinton	175
Castalia	50	Salem	60
Edgerton	50	Tyndall	140
Ethan	50	White Lake	30
Fulton	40		
Howard	150	Total	$2,000

Sioux Falls District.

District	$ 200	Hurley	60
Alcester	100	Lennox	75
Beresford	60	Lodi	100
Centerville	100	Madison Circuit	18
Canton	40	Prospect	60
Egan	100	Sioux Falls East Church	300
Flandreau	100	Sioux Falls Circuit	60
Gayville	50		
Hartford	100	Total	$1,533

Watertown District.

Aurora	$ 125	Waverly	100
Arlington	115	Webster	100
Big Stone	80	White	90
Bradley	100	Willow Lakes	75
Bristol	75	Wilmot	100
Gary	75	District	200
Elkton	75		
Estelline	125	Total	$1,510
Twin Brooks	75		

C. B. Clark, President, W. H. Jordan, Secretary, Approved, C. D. Foss.

STATISTICS No. 1, DAKOTA CONFERENCE FOR 1891—ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Membership				B'pts		Church Property								Sunday-Schools			Benevolent Collections												Minis'tl Support		Oth'r Ben'v Col'n
																		Missions														
	No. Probationers	Full Members.	Local Preachers	Deaths	Children Baptized	Adults Baptized	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for Building & Improv'g Ch's & Parson'gs	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property	Present Indebtedness on Church Property	Current Expenses (Sexton, Light, Fuel, &c.)	Schools	Officers & Teach's	Scholars, all Ages	Churches	Sunday-Schools	Total	Board of Church Extens'n	Sunday-School Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid & S'uthern Educational Society	University	Children's Day	American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Wom'ns H'me Mis. So'ty	Pastor, House Rent, Presiding Elder and Bishops	Conference Claimants	
Aberdeen	33	175	--	--	7	5	1	$ 8000	1	$ 1000	$ 258	$ 159	$ 640	$ ----	1	21	220	$ 50	$ 20	$ 70	$ 10	$ 5	$ 5	$ 10	$ 20	$ --	$ 10	$ --	$	$ 1310	$ 5	$ 276
Andover	2	24	--	--	1	---	1	1500	--	------	-----	-----	348	96	2	12	87	15	5	20	5	1	1	2	2	---	---	----	--	313	---	2
Ashton	2	76	1	1	--	8	1	2000	--	------	15	23	155	75	2	10	75	15	----	15	5	1	1	5	8	---	1	----	--	391	1	2
Athol	---	----	--	--	--	---	--	------	--	------	-----	-----	------	-----	--	--	----	----	----	----	----	---	---	----	----	---	---	----	--	------	---	------
Bath	12	60	--	2	3	---	1	2500	1	600	-----	-----	700	20	2	13	75	20	5	25	8	1	1	2	10	---	1	----	--	552	10	3
Bowdle & Bangor	---	----	--	--	--	---	--	------	--	------	-----	-----	------	-----	--	--	----	----	----	----	----	---	---	----	----	---	---	----	--	------	---	------
Britton	6	36	--	--	--	---	1	2000	--	------	-----	-----	600	-----	2	15	78	----	----	----	----	---	---	----	----	---	---	----	--	197	---	------
Claremont	20	74	--	--	4	4	2	4300	--	------	-----	-----	------	50	2	20	80	----	55	55	10	1	1	10	5	5	1	----	--	650	18	------
Columbia & Ordw'y	16	120	--	1	3	8	3	6000	--	------	-----	-----	1095	110	2	16	60	30	10	40	13	3	1	5	13	---	1	5	--	700	5	3
Campbell County	4	34	--	--	--	2	--	------	--	------	-----	-----	------	-----	--	--	----	5	----	5	3	---	---	----	5	---	---	----	--	106	3	------
Coral	9	46	1	1	4	6	--	------	1	600	30	50	50	-----	1	8	40	15	5	20	8	1	1	3	10	---	---	----	--	484	---	------
Devoe & Roanoke	13	83	1	--	--	1	1	700	--	------	-----	30	------	-----	3	17	127	24	----	24	4	1	1	4	8	7	---	----	--	283	3	------
Doland & Frankf't	20	60	--	1	--	17	2	4300	1	600	10	-----	1000	138	4	31	129	20	8	28	4	1	---	4	13	---	---	----	--	650	1	------
Ellendale	12	70	--	--	1	2	2	4000	--	------	-----	125	550	100	1	19	150	23	12	35	4	1	1	2	2	8	1	----	--	654	3	2
Frederick	17	50	--	1	3	3	2	3600	--	------	-----	100	550	50	2	11	175	20	----	20	----	---	---	----	4	4	---	----	--	493	5	------
Groton	1	55	--	--	1	---	1	3500	--	------	-----	110	1045	90	3	23	140	20	----	20	10	2	2	4	10	---	---	----	--	296	2	------
Hecla	5	77	--	1	7	8	--	------	--	------	-----	-----	------	-----	2	10	57	50	----	50	4	1	2	----	15	---	1	6	6	510	2	------
Ipswich	---	34	--	--	--	---	1	2500	--	------	-----	-----	110	50	1	6	30	5	----	5	----	---	---	2	2	---	---	----	--	338	1	1
Langford	22	84	--	--	2	2	2	2500	1	750	-----	50	750	75	3	27	130	10	10	20	8	1	1	4	8	4	1	----	--	671	3	------
Leola	13	48	--	1	--	---	1	2500	--	------	-----	-----	600	15	3	24	75	3	2	5	1	1	---	1	1	---	---	1	1	353	1	------
Ludden	---	64	2	--	2	2	1	2500	--	------	-----	-----	1183	-----	1	4	40	14	----	14	8	---	---	3	5	---	---	----	--	326	---	------
Newark	23	59	2	--	--	11	1	1350	--	------	-----	-----	550	25	3	20	90	----	----	-----	4	---	---	----	6	---	1	5	5	484	1	------
Northv'l & Mellette	16	108	1	1	1	5	2	3500	1	400	-----	110	1000	60	2	13	83	20	----	20	----	---	---	----	----	---	---	----	--	655	---	------
Warner	9	----	1	1	7	5	1	2000	--	------	100	120	500	15	5	25	150	2	----	2	----	1	2	----	1	---	1	2	1	350	---	------
Westport	5	31	2	--	--	---	1	2000	--	------	-----	-----	350	-----	1	7	40	10	----	10	----	1	1	----	2	3	---	----	1	131	---	2
Totals	260	1468	11	11	46	89	28	$61250	6	$ 3950	$ 413	$ 887	$11776	$ 969	48	352	2286	$371	$132	$ 503	$109	$23	$21	$ 61	$150	$31	$19	$ 19	14	$10003	$64	$ 291

STATISTICS No. 1, DAKOTA CONFERENCE FOR 1891—HURON DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Membership: No. Probationers	Membership: Full Members.	Membership: Local Preachers	Membership: Deaths	B'pts: Children Baptized	B'pts: Adults Baptized	Church Property: Churches	Church Property: Probable Value	Church Property: Parsonages	Church Property: Probable Value	Church Property: Paid for Building & Improv'g Ch's & Parson'gs	Church Property: Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property	Church Property: Present Indebtedness on Church Property	Church Property: Current Expenses (Sexton, Light, Fuel, &c.)	Sunday-Schools: Schools	Sunday-Schools: Officers & Teach's	Sunday-Schools: Scholars, all Ages	Benevolent Collections: Missions: Churches	Missions: Sunday-Schools	Missions: Total	Board of Church Extens'n	Sunday-School Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid & S'uthern Educational Society	University	Children's Day	American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Wom'ns H'me Mis. So'ty	Minis'tl Support: Pastor, House Rent, Presiding Elder and Bishops	Minis'tl Support: Conference Claimants	Oth'r Ben'y Col'n
Alpena	1	63	1	2	--	2	1	$2000	1	$300	$50	-----	$950	$25	3	15	75	$12	$2	$14	$3	$1	$1	$3	$8	---	$1	----	--	$461	$2	------
Blunt	12	75	--	1	--	4	1	4000	--	------	28	-----	1540	50	2	12	72	14	7	21	5	1	1	4	8	$4	---	----	--	329	2	------
Cavour	---	52	--	--	--	1	1	1500	--	------	-----	-----	250	6	1	5	30	46	----	46	1	1	1	2	----	3	1	----	--	154	2	------
DeSmet	12	42	--	--	--	3	1	2000	1	500	175	$125	525	45	1	10	80	10	7	17	----	2	---	----	7	6	---	----	--	482	3	------
Faulkton	5	61	--	--	10	---	2	5000	--	------	63	371	1050	64	2	13	100	3	7	10	1	1	1	1	8	---	---	----	--	480	1	------
Gettysburg	14	47	2	--	--	1	1	2000	1	400	65	231	970	40	2	17	80	10	----	10	----	---	---	----	----	---	---	----	--	227	---	------
Hand Co. Circuit	8	114	--	--	--	1	--	------	--	------	-----	-----	------	-----	3	21	96	5	----	5	2	---	---	3	6	12	---	----	--	288	1	------
Highmore	---	40	1	--	--	1	1	3000	1	200	-----	85	1650	50	1	10	45	11	4	15	8	2	1	6	8	---	---	----	--	145	---	$2*
Hitchcock	31	165	1	2	10	13	2	2500	1	600	85	160	300	60	4	30	150	13	18	31	5	2	2	10	28	20	1	----	--	638	2	------
Huron	41	300	--	3	8	21	1	18000	1	1000	-----	-----	2000	450	1	31	225	140	70	210	40	3	3	20	50	17	3	$130	--	1530	10	828
Iroquois	2	110	--	1	5	9	2	4500	--	------	-----	450	600	60	2	14	103	17	----	17	6	1	1	5	6	1	1	6	--	541	1	------
Lake Preston	1	26	1	--	--	5	1	1500	--	------	-----	150	------	27	1	4	40	6	----	6	----	---	---	----	----	---	---	----	--	170	---	------
Miller	13	35	--	1	--	---	1	1500	--	------	25	15	800	20	1	5	25	10	----	10	6	1	1	4	6	---	---	----	--	195	1	1*
Onida	---	44	--	--	--	---	--	------	--	------	-----	-----	------	-----	1	4	25	6	----	6	----	---	---	----	---	2	---	----	--	183	---	------
East and Ft. Pierre	13	51	2	1	5	4	1	4000	--	------	1200	150	1100	135	2	19	97	----	----	-----	----	---	---	----	----	---	---	----	--	440	---	------
First Church Pierre	20	90	--	1	2	1	1	4000	--	------	-----	272	500	143	1	12	98	11	21	32	4	1	1	4	22	2	---	----	--	908	4	------
Redfield	7	85	1	--	13	8	1	1800	1	1000	20	-----	106	195	1	14	150	3	59	62	10	3	2	15	22	7	2	3	--	873	5	------
St. Lawrence	8	51	--	--	1	---	1	3000	1	600	-----	20	550	60	1	8	40	14	6	20	8	1	1	20	16	4	---	----	--	437	2	------
Spring Lake	1	13	--	--	--	---	--	------	--	------	-----	-----	------	-----	--	--	----	5	----	5	----	---	---	----	----	---	---	----	--	------	---	1*
Wessington Spri'gs	12	50	2	--	4	---	1	2000	--	------	-----	-----	------	15	3	23	152	22	3	25	8	2	2	12	7	---	2	1	$4	441	3	1*
" and Wolsey	10	75	2	1	3	---	2	3000	1	400	25	-----	1100	100	4	24	125	20	1	21	1	--1	1	2	8	---	---	----	--	561	4	------
Winthrop	22	35	--	--	--	4	--	------	--	------	-----	-----	------	-----	3	24	119	17	5	22	----	---	---	1	4	4	---	----	--	235	---	------
Total	233	1624	13	13	61	78	22	$65300	9	$5000	$1733	$2029	$13991	$1545	40	315	1927	$395	$210	$605	$108	$23	$19	$112	$216	$80	$11	$140	$4	$9724	$43	$833

* General Conference Expenses. —— A lady gave $800 to the Missionary Society, as an annuity.

STATISTICS No. 1, DAKOTA CONFERENCE FOR 1891—MITCHELL DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Membership				B'pts		Church Property								Sunday-Schools			Benevolent Societies											Minis' tl Support		Oth'r Ben' y Col' s	
																		Missions															
	Probationers	Full Members	Local Preachers	Deaths	Children Baptized	Adults Baptized	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for Building & Improving Ch's & Parson'gs	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property	Present Indebtedness on Church Property	Current Expenses (Sexton, Light, Fuel, Etc.)	Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars, all Ages	Churches	Sunday-Schools	Total	Board of Church Extens'n	Sunday-School Union	Tract Society	Freedman's Aid & Su'thern Educational Society	University	Children's Day	American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Won'ns H'me Mis. So'ty	Pastor, House Rent, Presiding Elder and Bishops	Conference Claimants	General Conference
Alexandria	3	82	1	1	9	12	1	$ 1000	1	$ 100	-----	-----	$ 250	$ 48	2	14	80	$ 25	$ 6	$ 31	$ 7	$ 1	$ 1	$ 2	$ 14	$ 6	$ 1	$ 14	--	$ 416	$ 2	$ 3	---
Armour	3	40	1	--	--	---	1	1500	--	------	-----	-----	------	-----	1	9	50	10	----	10	2	1	1	----	10	---	---	2	--	428	1	---	---
Bijou Hills	1	80	1	--	--	2	1	1500	--	------	-----	-----	500	-----	2	8	125	108	6	114	3	3	3	4	3	---	2	2	1	405	---	---	---
Bridgewater	14	43	3	2	2	2	1	3000	--	------	$95	$100	1000	85	2	15	115	12	8	20	5	1	1	2	10	2	1	1	1	372	3	---	$23
Carthage & Artes'n	7	77	1	--	1	---	3	5900	--	------	55	-----	1100	60	3	18	74	26	----	26	2	1	--1	2	6	---	---	1	--	334	1	---	---
Chamberlain	14	62	--	--	--	---	--	500	--	------	-----	-----	------	24	2	12	110	20	----	20	5	---	---	----	15	---	---	----	--	216	1	---	10
Delmont	3	18	--	--	2	---	--	------	--	------	----	-----	------	-----	--	---	----	4	----	4	----	---	---	1	5	---	---	----	--	195	1	---	---
Edgerton	17	66	--	2	3	---	--	------	--	------	----	-----	------	-----	1	9	40	5	----	5	----	---	---	----	----	---	---	----	--	332	1	---	---
Ethan	10	60	--	--	6	9	1	1200	--	------	43	227	498	17	1	9	81	15	5	20	7	2	1	3	7	3	1	1	1	380	3	---	1
Fulton	11	120	--	1	--	6	--	------	--	------	-----	-----	------	8	3	25	140	55	10	65	7	2	2	10	20	10	2	2	--	654	8	---	---
Howard	12	30	--	--	4	2	1	3000	1	400	-----	30	300	50	1	12	48	13	3	16	----	---	---	----	10	---	---	----	--	452	---	---	---
Kimball	7	72	1	2	6	3	2	3000	1	600	-----	25	136	70	1	10	50	22	1	23	2	---	---	1	10	---	---	----	--	554	---	---	---
Mitchell	19	130	5	1	3	2	1	7000	--	------	600	-----	750	100	1	12	175	47	33	80	10	1	2	7	100	10	2	14	--	1103	2	5	---
Mitchell Circuit	13	23	--	--	6	11	--	------	--	------	-----	-----	------	-----	4	36	120	10	----	10	5	3	1	1	5	2	1	----	--	250	2	---	---
Mount Vernon	---	47	--	1	--	---	1	2500	1	700	-----	-----	500	30	1	9	46	15	----	15	2	1	1	2	2	---	---	----	--	539	1	---	--
Parkston	4	53	3	1	2	1	1	1200	--	------	182	-----	600	25	1	9	60	15	----	15	----	---	---	3	5	---	---	----	--	165	---	---	---
Plankinton	12	70	1	1	--	---	1	3000	--	------	56	236	500	135	1	7	80	26	4	30	4	1	1	2	16	---	8	----	--	322	4	2	---
Salem	4	58	1	--	10	3	1	1500	1	500	150	254	519	10	2	15	80	22	----	22	7	1	1	3	10	---	2	2	1	557	2	---	8
Scotland	12	94	--	--	--	---	1	3000	1	600	700	-----	------	58	1	11	97	24	6	30	3	1	1	3	14	---	---	----	--	682	2	---	12
Tyndall & Springf'd	2	72	1	1	4	---	5	4800	1	700	30	-----	1800	100	2	20	100	28	7	35	4	---	---	3	10	3	---	2	--	702	4	---	---
Woonsocket	8	60	--	1	6	1	1	2000	1	1200	100	-----	1350	100	1	12	102	20	10	30	3	1	1	1	10	---	5	----	--	875	2	---	12
Total	176	1357	19	14	64	54	23	$45600	8	$ 4800	$2011	$ 872	$ 9803	$ 920	33	272	1773	$522	$ 99	$ 621	$ 78	$20	$16	$ 50	$282	$36	$25	$ 41	$4	$ 9933	$40	$10	$66

STATISTICS No. 1, DAKOTA CONFERENCE FOR 1891—SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Membership				B'pts		Church Property								Sunday-Schools			Benevolent Societies												Minis'tl Support		Oth'r Ben'y Col's	
																		Missions															
	Probationers	Full Members	Local Preachers	Deaths	Children Baptized	Adults Baptized	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probab e Value	Paid for Building & Improving Ch's & Parson'gs	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property	Present Indebtedness on Church Property	Current Expenses (Sexton, Light, Fuel, Etc.)	Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars, all Ages	Churches	Sunday-Schools	Total	Board of Church Extens'n	Sunday-School Union	Tract Society	Freedman's Aid & Su'thern Educational Society	University	Children's Day	American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Won'ns H'me Mis. So'ty	Pastor, House Rent, Presiding Elder and Bishops	Conference Claimants	General Conference	
Alcester	---	26	--	--	--	---	--	$ ----	--	$ ----	$ ---	$ ---	$ ----	$ ---	1	6	42	$ --	$ --	$ ---	$ --	$ -	$ -	$ --	$ --	$ -	$ -	$ --	$	$ 71	$ -	$ -	$ -
Beresford	18	65	--	--	3	10	1	1800	1	400	25	40	175	25	4	25	155	14	5	19	3	2	2	3	7	---	---	23	--	450	3	---	---
Centerville	2	75	1	--	1	1	2	2100	1	800	276	-----	900	95	2	17	112	14	6	20	3	1	---	2	9	---	---	----	--	620	1	---	---
Canton	10	170	1	--	5	31	1	1500	1	1000	123	-----	------	85	3	30	165	90	21	111	30	2	2	14	28	3	5	14	--	857	10	---	---
Dell Rapids	13	131	--	--	1	---	1	1500	1	1000	56	-----	249	111	2	23	140	65	26	91	30	1	1	27	18	8	1	53	--	981	5	---	---
Elk Point	5	68	--	--	--	5	1	4000	1	650	-----	350	675	140	1	9	110	33	8	41	7	1	1	7	8	---	---	9	--	821	4	---	---
Egan	7	48	--	--	--	7	1	1200	--	------	200	-----	150	75	2	15	85	3	22	25	10	---	---	5	----	---	---	----	--	372	---	---	---
Flandreau	4	55	1	1	--	---	1	1400	1	500	25	620	------	76	1	11	60	21	10	31	10	1	1	5	10	---	3	7	1	541	4	4	---
Gayville	18	71	--	1	4	4	1	2000	1	150	2100	-----	140	20	2	9	40	18	----	18	----	2	2	2	5	---	---	----	--	467	6	---	---
Hartford	10	76	1	2	1	---	1	1250	1	500	122	18	260	29	2	12	90	27	----	27	14	2	2	12	14	2	---	----	--	469	4	---	---
Hurley	8	88	--	1	11	12	2	2700	--	------	155	525	405	45	2	16	105	25	11	36	12	2	2	6	12	7	2	7	--	482	6	---	4
Lennox	3	22	--	--	--	1	1	1000	1	400	35	-----	------	30	1	12	75	21	9	30	10	1	1	7	21	---	---	29	--	549	2	---	13
Lodi	13	77	--	2	2	4	2	1500	1	500	300	-----	200	50	4	32	105	17	3	20	12	1	1	10	10	---	2	41	--	469	3	---	---
Montrose	9	43	1	1	--	---	1	2000	--	------	-----	65	560	60	1	7	70	3	----	3	----	1	---	----	2	4	---	----	--	303	2	---	---
Madison	26	108	--	1	4	11	1	3400	1	1600	55	200	1650	155	1	14	95	55	5	60	20	1	2	10	20	6	2	23	1	1134	5	---	---
Parker	---	80	--	2	--	3	2	2000	1	1400	298	162	505	107	2	14	100	60	15	75	18	2	2	15	30	---	1	1	1	863	7	5	20
Prospect	10	70	3	--	3	---	2	2700	1	250	33	115	683	30	1	13	55	7	3	10	4	1	1	2	----	---	---	----	--	386	2	---	---
Richland	8	25	--	2	3	8	1	1800	1	150	50	-----	------	25	2	8	50	----	----	-----	----	---	---	----	----	---	---	----	--	585	---	---	---
Sioux Falls 1st Ch.	15	170	--	1	1	5	1	15000	1	6000	3000	6500	2500	356	1	20	90	105	25	130	10	2	2	5	58	---	2	200	--	1730	5	---	---
Sioux Falls Mission	13	39	--	--	2	8	1	2900	--	------	1400	-----	1500	8	1	10	55	20	6	26	----	---	---	----	7	---	---	5	--	419	---	---	---
Sioux Falls Circuit.	15	34	1	--	1	2	--	------	--	------	-----	-----	------	25	3	22	125	6	----	6	1	---	---	1	----	---	---	----	--	300	1	---	---
Vermillion	5	172	1	1	--	4	1	1400	1	2000	1250	-----	400	100	1	17	150	180	20	200	25	3	2	20	20	14	3	46	--	1004	5	---	---
Yankton	6	147	2	2	9	4	1	7000	--	------	-----	60	------	380	2	29	233	22	23	45	5	1	1	5	20	---	3	25	--	1143	5	---	---
Totals	218	1860	12	17	51	120	26	$60150	16	$17300	$9503	$8655	$10952	$2027	42	371	2307	$806	$218	$1024	$224	$27	$25	$158	$299	$44	$24	$483	$3	$15016	$80	$ 9	$37

STATISTICS No. 1, DAKOTA CONFERENCE FOR 1891—WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Membership				B'pts		Church Property								Sunday-Schools			Benevolent Collections													Minis'tl Support		Oth'r Ben'y Col'n
																		Missions															
	No. Probationers	Full Members.	Local Preachers	Deaths	Children Baptized	Adults Baptized	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for Building & Improv'g Ch's & Parson'es	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property	Present Indebtedness on Church Property	Current Expenses (Sexton, Light, Fuel, &c.)	Schools	Officers & Teach's	Scholars, all Ages	Churches	Sunday-Schools	Total	Board of Church Extens'n	Sunday-School Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid & S'uthern Educational Society	University	Children's Day	American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Wom'ns H'me Mis. So'ty	Pastor, House Rent, Presiding Elder and Bishops	Conference Claimants	
Arlington	14	45	1	--	3	5	1	$ 2000	--	------	$ 100	-----	$ 200	$ 50	2	16	110	$ 30	----	$ 30	$ 10	$ 1	$ 1	$ 10	$ 5	---	$ 1	$ 60	--	$ 593	$ 2	------
Aurora, Midway	---	100	1	1	5	4	1	1500	--	------	-----	-----	181	20	2	20	142	10	$ 10	20	5	1	---	8	4	$ 3	---	18	--	559	3	------
BigStoneC'y, Albon	6	47	--	6	1	---	2	4500	--	------	40	-----	1500	70	3	18	135	15	5	20	10	2	1	2	10	---	1	2	1	491	1	------
Bristol	10	47	--	1	1	1	1	2000	--	------	-----	$ 200	550	20	2	16	75	18	2	20	7	1	1	3	7	---	1	7	1	510	2	$ 2
Brookings	14	118	3	--	11	3	1	3000	1	$ 1200	150	-----	1300	90	1	15	125	73	22	95	13	2	2	7	15	11	5	10	--	1028	5	------
Clark	14	131	1	1	6	3	1	2500	--	------	-----	-----	65	150	3	15	85	17	----	17	----	---	---	----	6	---	---	11	--	600	---	------
Clark Circuit	5	32	--	--	--	2	--	------	--	------	-----	-----	------	-----	3	15	60	6	----	6	1	---	---	----	1	---	---	----	--	209	1	------
Gary, Clear Lake	3	60	--	--	1	3	2	4000	1	800	20	-----	1443	50	3	20	150	36	4	40	4	1	1	2	14	---	1	----	--	685	3	------
Elkton	6	31	--	--	--	---	1	1500	--	------	75	-----	------	40	3	12	105	5	10	15	3	1	1	3	5	---	---	----	--	570	2	------
Estelline, Castlew'd	5	40	1	1	6	1	--	------	--	------	-----	-----	------	50	1	6	25	5	----	5	----	---	---	----	----	---	---	----	--	219	---	------
Henry	10	109	3	--	7	8	2	3335	1	600	150	40	300	120	2	19	100	20	15	35	10	1	1	5	20	---	1	17	--	850	3	------
Kampeska	---	100	--	5	2	5	2	2500	1	300	1500	-----	250	75	1	5	30	38	----	38	15	1	1	8	15	---	1	----	--	873	2	------
Milbank	1	74	--	--	--	---	1	10000	.	------	-----	370	1400	170	1	18	135	50	----	50	20	2	2	10	25	---	---	----	-	876	5	------
Twin Brooks	4	20	--	1	1	---	2	2700	--	------	-----	-----	$30	5	2	16	65	14	4	18	2	---	1	2	3	---	---	----	--	123	---	------
Watertown	15	223	1	2	7	20	1	15000	1	2000	-----	1050	3250	*$74	1	20	200	66	25	91	25	4	4	22	38	13	3	69	--	1584	11	10
Waubay	4	12	--	2	--	---	--	------	--	------	-----	-----	------	-----	2	12	64	11	----	11	1	---	---	1	1	---	---	---	--	302	1	------
Waverly	7	56	3	2	2	7	1	2000	--	------	-----	-----	250	-----	3	11	82	12	2	14	----	---	---	----	----	---	---	----	--	282	---	------
Webster	16	69	1	1	1	---	1	3500	--	------	-----	-----	2400	100	1	10	60	40	----	40	12	2	2	12	12	---	2	6	--	802	5	------
White	2	147	2	--	2	2	1	2000	1	800	324	-----	813	45	2	19	151	65	6	71	38	2	2	5	13	8	1	5	--	852	6	------
Willow Lake	16	50	--	--	8	20	1	1500	1	500	350	50	250	25	2	15	100	14	----	14	3	---	---	3	----	---	---	----	--	277	---	------
Wilmot	5	65	1	2	13	16	1	2500	1	200	10	300	900	50	3	16	150	12	13	25	3	1	1	3	5	---	---	1	--	438	---	------
Total	157	1576	18	25	77	100	23	$66035	8	$ 6400	$2719	$2010	$15882	$2004	43	314	2129	$557	$118	$ 675	$182	$22	$21	$106	$199	$35	$17	$206	2	$12723	$52	$ 12

* $300 interest on loan; $79 insurance.

STATISTICS No. II, ABERDEEN DISTRICT,
DAKOTA CONFERENCE, 1891.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT: Pastors: Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages	Pastors: Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages	Pastors: Deficiencies	Presid'g Elders: Apportioned	Presid'g Elders: Paid	Bishops: Apportioned	Bishops: Paid	Conf. Claim.: Apportioned	Conf. Claim.: Paid
Aberdeen	J. C. Shelland	$ 1200	$ 1200	$ ---	$ 105	$ 105	$ 5	$ 5	$ 5	$ 5
Andover	B. W. Allison	380	275	105	38	38	----	----	----	----
Ashton	C. B. Warren	350	350	-----	40	40	1	1	1	1
Athol		-----	-----	----	-----	-----	----	----	----	----
Bath	Edward Vaughn	600	500	100	50	50	2	2	10	10
Bowdle and Bangor		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	----	----	----	----
Britton	Edward McCrea	186	143	43	54	54	----	----	----	----
Claremont	L. W. Ray	000	600	-----	50	50	----	----	----	18
Columbia and Ordway	W. H. Cory	600	641	-----	54	54	5	5	5	5
Campbell County	S. F. Brown	200	93	107	40	10	5	3	3	3
Coral	T. H. Trevithick	500	450	50	32	32	2	2	----	----
Devoe and Roanoke	J. E. Herrinton	315	254	61	28	28	1	1	----	3
Doland and Frankfort	W. H. Irwin	600	600	-----	50	50	----	----	1	1
Ellendale	E. O. Bullock	600	600	-----	52	52	2	2	3	3
Frederick	T. D. Collins	450	450	-----	42	42	1	1	----	5
Groton and Putney	John A. Ellis	230	230	-----	64	64	2	2	2	2
Hecla	Wm. O. Gram	400	475	-----	30	33	2	2	----	2
Ipswich	D. Gostelow	300	300	-----	52	38	2	----	2	1
Langford	W. D. Deeble	700	025	75	44	44	2	2	3	3
Leola	G. W. Hickman	500	325	175	28	28	----	----	----	----
Ludden	G. F. Bieber	550	286	264	40	40	----	----	----	----
Newark	C. E. Matteson	500	445	55	38	38	1	1	1	1
Northville and Mellette	A. D. Smith	703	603	100	50	50	2	2	1	1
Warner	J. B. Williams	600	325	275	40	30	----	1	----	----
Westport	J. L. Brown	200	99	101	32	32	----	----	----	----
Total		$11264	$ 9869	$1511	$1053	$1002	$ 35	$ 32	$ 37	$ 64

STATISTICS No. III, ABERDEEN DISTRICT,
DAKOTA CONFERENCE, 1891.

NAME OF CHARGE	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS: No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars of all ages	No. of Scholars in Inf. Class	Average attendance of Teachers and Scholars	No. of Library Books	Total Expenses of Schools this year.	Officers & Teachers who are Ch. Members or Probat'rs	Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers	No. of Conversions in Sunday-school this year
Aberdeen	1	21	220	45	150	300	$150	18	80	40
Andover	2	12	87	15	75	40	15	5	15	----
Ashton	2	10	75	18	58	----	22	10	35	10
Athol	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Bath	2	13	125	10	75	150	30	13	40	----
Bowdle and Bangor	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Britton	2	15	78	15	60	----	18	15	25	----
Claremont	2	20	80	30	60	----	30	20	58	21
Columbia and Ordway	2	16	60	11	63	100	50	16	40	16
Campbell County	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Coral	1	8	40	23	21	100	12	5	4	----
Devoe and Roanoke	3	17	127	--	---	---	---	17	65	13
Doland and Frankford	4	31	129	35	107	250	76	18	50	4
Ellendale	1	19	150	40	67	50	40	13	35	30
Frederick	2	11	175	50	165	175	25	9	80	5
Groton	3	23	140	27	135	150	75	13	30	----
Hecla	2	10	57	15	37	----	12	10	16	----
Ipswich	1	6	30	16	20	----	25	4	----	----
Langford	3	27	130	---	105	----	25	20	----	----
Leola	3	24	75	40	50	----	15	20	32	----
Ludden	1	4	40	5	25	60	10	4	10	----
Newark	3	20	90	28	70	----	----	20	20	14
Northville and Mellette	2	13	83	27	78	----	----	----	----	----
Warner	5	25	150	---	120	50	----	----	50	5
Westport	1	7	40	---	30	----	----	6	23	----
Total	48	352	2286	450	1547	1425	$530	256	710	158

STATISTICS No. II, HURON DISTRICT,
DAKOTA CONFERENCE, 1891.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT: Pastors: Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Pastors: Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Pastors: Deficiencies	Presid'g Elders: Apportioned	Presid'g Elders: Paid	Bishops: Apportioned	Bishops: Paid	Conf. Claim: Apportioned	Conf. Claim: Paid
Alpena	T. H. Hendricks	$ 425	$ 425	----	$ 40	$ 40	$ 2	$ 2	----	$ 2
Blunt	J. F. Davis	350	325	$ 25	32	32	5	2	$ 2	2
Cavour	E. E. Dean	------	140	----	------	13	----	1	----	2
DeSmet	L. B. Wiles	450	450	----	30	30	4	2	2	3
Faulkton	J. S. Akers	400	440	----	40	40	----	1	----	1
Gettysburg	E. S. Darling	200	200	----	27	27	----	----	----	----
Hand County Circuit	J. D. Allison	300	260	40	30	27	3	1	2	1
Highmore	A. M. Ward	100	130	----	20	15	----	----	----	----
Hitchcock	E. S. Chappel	584	584	----	50	50	6	4	2	2
Huron	F. D. Newhouse	1350	1400	----	120	120	----	10	10	10
Iroquois	T. Carson	500	500	----	40	40	1	1	1	1
Lake Preston	L. B. Wiles	200	150	50	20	20	----	----	----	----
Miller	R. C. Opie	225	170	55	24	24	----	1	----	1
Onida	M. Ash	250	162	82	15	15	----	----	----	----
Pierre: East Church and Ft. Pierre	W. S. Carpenter	400	400	----	40	40	----	----	----	----
Pierre: First Church	A. Jamison	1000	824	176	100	80	----	4	----	4
Redfield	L. W. Miller	850	800	50	70	70	----	3	----	5
St. Lawrence	R. C. Opie	385	403	----	32	32	----	2	----	1
Spring Lake (no report)	H. W. Woodruff	------	------	------	------	------	----	----	----	----
Wessington Springs	J. E. Norville	426	400	26	40	40	----	1	----	3
Wessington, Wolsey	A. E. Tanner	575	509	66	50	50	2	2	----	4
Winthrop	A. P. Jones	250	210	40	25	25	----	----	----	----
Totals		$ 9220	$ 8882	$ 610	$ 845	$ 830	$ 24	$ 37	$ 19	$ 42

STATISTICS No. III, HURON DISTRICT,
DAKOTA CONFERENCE, 1891.

NAME OF CHARGE	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS: No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars of all Ages	No. of Scholars in Inf. Class	Average Attendance of Teachers and Scholars	No. of Library Books	Total Expenses of Schools this Year	Officers & Teachers who are Ch. Members or Probat'rs	Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers	No. of Conversions in Sunday-School this Year
Alpena	3	15	75	30	50	35	30	14	30	2
Blunt	2	12	72	35	46	128	32	10	18	2
Cavour	1	5	30	11	20	----	----	4	10	----
DeSmet	1	10	80	18	40	100	40	7	25	5
Faulkton	2	13	100	20	90	----	40	13	25	3
Gettysburg	2	17	80	25	40	40	45	14	50	5
Hand County Circuit	3	21	96	10	87	----	----	21	90	----
Highmore	1	10	45	8	35	200	13	8	10	----
Hitchcock	4	30	150	35	25	210	60	30	110	20
Huron	1	31	225	50	200	225	100	31	95	64
Iroquois	2	14	103	22	75	40	26	12	49	4
Lake Preston	1	4	40	10	18	----	10	3	10	----
Miller	1	5	25	7	24	40	18	5	12	----
Onida	1	4	25	8	20	----	10	4	8	----
East Pierre and Ft. Pierre	2	19	97	30	90	25	35	19	42	12
First Church Pierre	1	12	98	25	70	210	84	10	4	----
Redfield	1	14	150	21	85	60	42	14	50	15
St. Lawrence	1	8	40	9	34	60	23	4	12	----
Spring Lake (no report)	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Wessington Springs	3	23	152	38	91	----	12	20	40	8
Wessington, Wolsey	4	24	125	25	70	75	25	23	10	----
Winthrop	3	24	119	21	85	64	42	21	44	12
Totals	40	315	1927	458	1295	1512	687	287	644	152

STATISTICS No. II, MITCHELL DISTRICT,
DAKOTA CONFERENCE, 1891.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT: Pastors: Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Pastors: Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Pastors: Deficiencies	Presid'g Elders: Apportioned	Presid'g Elders: Paid	Bishops: Apportioned	Bishops: Paid	Conf. Claim.: Apportioned	Conf. Claim.: Paid
Alexandria	S. E. Fish	$ 325	$ 366	-----	$ 45	$ 48	$ 2	$ 2	$ 2	2
Armour	Ira A. Sparks	330	372	-----	55	55	2	1	3	1
Bijou Hills	J. W. Lucas	440	350	$ 90	55	55	----	----	----	---
Bridgewater	F. A. LaViolette	300	335	-----	35	35	2	2	3	3
Carthage and Artesian	G. J. Corwin	415	289	126	55	43	2	2	1	1
Chamberlain	A. E. Burrows	175	175	-----	40	40	1	1	2	1
Delmont	Ira A. Sparks	160	162	-----	30	32	2	1	2	1
Edgerton	Wm. J. Vanix	320	276	44	55	55	2	1	2	1
Ethan	Arza P. Janes	400	330	70	48	48	2	2	3	3
Fulton	E. W. Sage	600	600	-----	52	52	2	2	5	8
Howard	E. C. Wood	400	400	-----	52	52	2	----	1	----
Mitchell	A. R. Boggs	1000	1000	-----	100	100	3	3	2	2
Mitchell Circuit	Jesse Smith	230	230	-----	18	18	2	2	2	2
Mount Vernon	J. G. Hall	495	495	-----	42	42	2	2	2	1
Parkston	——Taylor	128	128	-----	35	35	2	2	----	----
Plankinton	H. Haynes	270	270	-----	52	50	3	2	4	4
Salem	M. E. Nickerson	540	506	34	48	48	3	3	2	2
Scotland	Wm. Underwood	622	622	-----	58	58	2	2	2	2
Tyndall and Springfield	W. F. Minty	650	650	-----	50	50	3	2	2	4
Woonsocket	T. H. Youngman	820	820	-----	52	52	3	3	[illegible]	2
Kimball	Frank Colony	480	480	-----	70	63	2	1	1	----
Totals		$ 9100	$ 8856	$ 364	$1047	$1031	$ 44	$ 36	$ 42	$ 40

STATISTICS No. III, MITCHELL DISTRICT,
DAKOTA CONFERENCE, 1891.

NAME OF CHARGE	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS: No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars of all Ages	No. of Scholars in Inf. Class	Average Attendance of Teachers and Scholars	No. of Library Books	Total Expenses of Schools this Year	Officers & Teachers who are Ch. Members or Probat'rs	Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers	No. of Conversions in Sunday-School this Year
Alexandria	2	14	80	24	60	150	----	12	40	17
Armour	1	9	50	10	44	47	$ 40	9	20	4
Bijou Hills	2	8	125	---	60	----	50	----	----	----
Bridgewater	2	19	115	23	80	200	30	15	24	5
Carthage and Artesian	3	18	74	18	60	100	[illegible]	14	30	1
Chamberlain	2	12	110	35	90	95	66	10	25	20
Delmont	--	---	----	---	----	----	----	----	----	----
Edgerton	1	9	40	24	22	67	7	7	15	----
Ethan	1	9	81	22	61	100	15	9	24	1
Fulton	3	25	140	30	95	150	32	20	65	----
Howard	1	12	48	17	46	50	25	7	7	----
Mitchell	1	19	175	30	120	200	75	18	64	5
Mitchell Circuit	--	---	----	---	----	----	----	----	----	----
Mount Vernon	1	9	46	---	----	----	----	----	----	----
Parkston	1	8	60	13	31	----	26	8	19	2
Plankinton	1	10	80	30	53	225	17	9	25	----
Salem	2	15	80	25	80	40	10	8	22	----
Scotland	1	11	97	17	48	30	34	11	20	1
Tyndall and Springfield	2	20	100	28	85	90	60	14	10	3
Woonsocket	1	12	102	35	75	80	50	12	31	6
Kimball	1	10	50	18	40	150	24	10	20	----
Totals	29	249	1653	399	1150	1774	$621	193	461	65

STATISTICS No. II, SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT,
DAKOTA CONFERENCE, 1891.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT: Pastors: Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages	Pastors: Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages	Pastors: Deficiencies	Presid'g Elders: Apportioned	Presid'g Elders: Paid	Bishops: Apportioned	Bishops: Paid	Conf. Claim.: Apportioned	Conf. Claim.: Paid
Alcester	S. D. McUmber	$ 300	$ 65	$ 235	----	----	----	----	----	----
Beresford	A. B. Smart	600	400	200	$ 48	$ 48	----	$ 2	----	$ 3
Canton	T. Simmons	960	780	180	72	72	$ 5	5	$ 10	10
Centerville	Jos. Mottershead	700	572	128	48	48	----	----	----	1
Dell Rapids	D. Rifenbark	900	900	----	80	80	----	1	----	5
Egan	E. J. Walkom	330	330	----	42	42	----	----	----	----
Elk Point	S. A. French	720	750	----	68	68	----	3	6	4
Elk Point Circuit	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Flandreau	James H. Kevan	500	500	----	40	40	----	1	4	4
Gayville	A. H. Colton	480	420	60	44	44	3	3	6	6
Hartford	W. O. Redfield	575	409	166	56	56	4	4	4	4
Hurley	A. E. Carhart	440	440	----	40	40	----	2	6	6
Lennox	T. Donoghue	500	500	----	48	48	1	1	2	2
Lodi	H. W. Brown	405	411	----	56	56	2	2	3	3
Madison	C. E. Hager	1050	1050	----	80	80	4	4	5	5
Montrose	S. A. Keister	350	270	80	32	32	----	1	4	2
Parker	W. J. Hyde	800	800	----	60	60	3	3	5	7
Prospect	L. Huckins	536	338	198	52	47	----	1	----	2
Richland	G. B. Caldwell	550	550	----	40	35	----	----	----	----
Sioux Falls First Ch.	L. L. Hanscom	1600	1600	----	120	120	10	10	5	5
Sioux Falls Mission	J. P. Jenkins	----	400	----	----	19	----	----	----	----
Sioux Falls Circuit	W. J. Wilson	400	271	129	32	29	2	----	----	1
Vermillion	G. D. Cleworth	920	920	----	80	80	4	4	5	5
Yankton	E. E. Clough	1100	1050	50	90	90	----	3	----	5
Totals		$13816	$13826	$1426	$1138	$1134	$ 38	$ 50	$ 65	$ 80

STATISTICS No. III, SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT,
DAKOTA CONFERENCE, 1891.

NAME OF CHARGE	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS: No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars of all ages	No. of Scholars in Inf. Class	Average attendance of Teachers and Scholars	No. of Library Books	Total Expenses of Schools this year.	Officers & Teachers who are Ch. Members or Probat'rs	Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers	No. of Conversions in Sunday-school this year
Alcester	1	6	42	8	35	----	----	5	8	8
Beresford	4	25	155	40	100	100	$ 50	20	----	25
Canton	3	30	165	30	120	150	65	30	90	36
Centerville	2	17	112	25	46	200	20	15	28	----
Dell Rapids	2	23	140	30	90	----	60	23	60	----
Egan	2	15	85	17	62	110	40	11	14	----
Elk Point	1	9	110	45	70	----	44	8	19	3
Elk Point Circuit	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Flandreau	1	11	60	15	45	----	32	10	13	4
Gayville	2	9	40	16	42	22	18	6	28	----
Hartford	2	12	90	14	75	----	13	7	----	----
Hurley	2	16	105	20	78	75	32	13	----	35
Lennox	1	12	75	20	50	----	26	10	6	3
Lodi	4	32	105	29	94	----	46	24	30	4
Madison	1	14	115	37	65	129	50	14	50	23
Montrose	1	7	70	15	40	----	17	7	15	----
Parker	2	14	100	40	80	50	35	40	24	4
Prospect	1	13	55	10	68	125	16	13	30	----
Richland	2	8	50	20	45	----	24	6	8	1
Sioux Falls First Ch.	1	20	90	18	75	----	50	17	40	6
Sioux Falls Mission	1	10	55	20	45	100	15	11	14	15
Sioux Falls Circuit	3	22	125	---	95	----	30	16	20	7
Vermillion	1	17	150	26	110	----	72	17	70	10
Yankton	2	29	233	35	121	150	232	26	50	----
Totals	42	371	2327	530	1651	1211	$987	349	617	184

STATISTICS No. II, WATERTOWN DISTRICT,
DAKOTA CONFERENCE, 1891.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT: Pastors: Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Pastors: Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Pastors: Deficiencies	Presid'g Elders: Apportioned	Presid'g Elders: Paid	Bishops: Apportioned	Bishops: Paid	Conf. Claim.: Apportioned	Conf. Claim.: Paid
Arlington	W. C. Sage	$ 500	$ 550	$ ---	$ 40	$ 40	$ 3	$ 3	$ 2	$ 2
Aurora and Midway	R. C. St. Clair	600	510	90	48	48	4	1	3	3
Big Stone City & Alban	W. H. C. Iwin	550	440	110	48	48	3	3	1	1
Bradley		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	----	----	----	----
Bristol	D. L. Matson	650	471	179	38	36	3	3	2	2
Brookings	F. H. Wheeler	950	950	-----	72	72	6	6	5	5
Clark	S. D. Robinson	700	540	160	72	60	----	----	----	----
Clark Circuit	Jas. Trewartha	300	200	100	24	8	----	1	----	1
Elkton	T. A. Jones	625	525	100	48	42	4	3	3	2
Estelline	H. H. Roser	405	196	209	25	23	----	----	----	----
Gary and Clear Lake	T. Wilkinson	622	622	-----	60	60	5	3	3	3
Henry	O. A. Phillips	775	775	-----	72	72	----	3	----	3
Kampeska	J. B. Dibble	810	810	-----	60	60	3	3	5	2
Milbank	A. D. Dexter	800	800	-----	96	76	----	----	----	5
Twin Brooks	R. W. Lovering	------	100	-----	32	23	----	----	----	----
Waubay	B. C. Sills	300	283	17	30	18	2	1	1	1
Webster	H. F. Knight	725	725	-----	72	72	5	5	5	5
White	H. M. Springer	800	800	-----	48	48	4	4	3	3
Watertown	A. W. Adkinson	1430	1430	-----	144	144	10	10	8	11
Willow Lakes	F. E. Leazer	275	245	30	32	32	2	----	1	----
Wilmot	D. C. McLean	400	400	-----	43	36	2	2	----	----
Waverly	J. W. Stokesbury	255	255	-----	25	25	2	2	2	----
Total		$12472	$11627	$ 995	$1129	$1048	$ 58	$ 53	$ 44	$ 49

STATISTICS No. III, WATERTOWN DISTRICT,
DAKOTA CONFERENCE, 1891.

NAME OF CHARGE	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS: No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars of all Ages	No. of Scholars in Inf. Class	Average Attendance of Teachers and Scholars	No. of Library Books	Total Expenses of Schools this Year	Officers & Teachers who are Ch. Members or Probat'rs	Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers	No. of Conversions in Sunday-School this Year
Arlington	2	16	110	25	80	100	$100	14	40	----
Aurora and Midway	2	20	142	36	75	163	35	18	38	----
Big Stone City & Alban	3	18	135	24	100	150	12	18	50	----
Bradley	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Bristol	2	16	75	20	60	535	8	12	18	----
Brookings	1	15	125	25	87	----	65	14	50	3
Clark	3	15	85	30	65	100	50	13	45	4
Clark Circuit	2	15	60	---	40	70	9	8	15	4
Elkton	3	12	105	45	90	25	35	8	4	1
Estelline	1	6	25	6	12	----	5	7	7	----
Gary and Clear Lake	3	20	130	40	100	50	50	14	15	3
Henry	2	19	100	20	75	100	55	18	65	12
Kampeska	1	4	30	10	30	----	----	4	16	----
Milbank	1	18	135	54	110	200	70	----	----	----
Twin Brooks	2	16	65	22	65	50	21	9	14	1
Waubay	2	12	64	29	47	50	15	9	11	----
Watertown	1	20	200	50	140	90	100	18	80	20
Webster	1	10	60	---	----	----	----	----	----	----
White	2	19	151	33	102	----	38	19	----	----
Willow Lakes	2	15	100	---	----	----	----	----	----	----
Wilmot	3	16	150	30	130	60	35	12	40	3
Waverly	3	11	82	12	70	200	25	11	50	16
Total	42	313	2129	511	1478	1943	$728	226	556	67

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1892.

On motion of the Presiding Elders the following standing committees were appointed for 1892:

CHURCH EXTENSION—L. L. Hanscom, E. J. Corwin, S. A. French, W. D. Deeble, L. B. Wiles.

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PROHIBITION—H. F. Knight, T. Carson, C. E. Mattison, A. Jamieson, Wm. Underwood.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE—T. H. Hendricks, T. D. Collins, Thos. Wilkinson, A. P. Janes, J. S. Akers.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS—The Presiding Elders.

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BIBLE CAUSE—Timothy Donoghue, E. S. Chappell, F. L. Bromaghin, Joseph Mottershead, I. A. Sparks.

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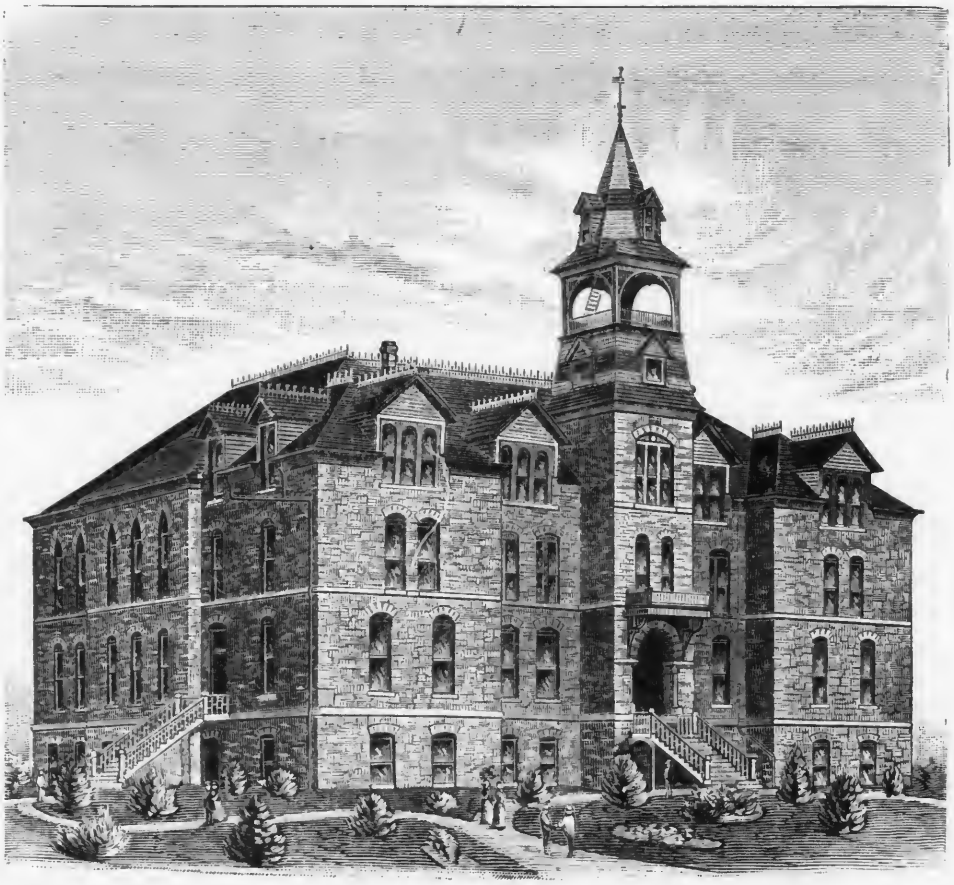

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Assets	$100,139 62
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